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I'm not good in writing, I mean I'm not a writer, I'm an artist, but I try to translate my feeling in words ... To be honest, I'm outside of detention now and free but I'm not feeling that at all. Every day I'm planning for future and tomorrow, but that is not coming. Why should I study what is not necessary for me, about things that I'm not good in and don't like, only to fill my time, fulfil their patronising ideas. I had this problem in my own country! I'm really losing hope. I know there are lots of people in detention and I have my friends and family there also. They are more important to think about than what I'm trying to talk about, but not being allowed to study and work is killing me.

Note: Author was released from MITA detention and wrote whilst on a bridging visa without work or study rights.