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Lion, Freedom

President Obama once advised me that, despite my incarceration, I could still make a positive contribution to the community. Although I use numerous photos for reference, I've always tried to develop my own theme using my free-hand.

On rare occasions, I've tried to re-interpret the work of other artists in order to discern their technique. I've always credited the original artist... unless it was an obviously famous work like the Mona Lisa or Washington Crossing the Delaware; even then, I tried to add my own personal twist.

I feel blessed to be able to create and hope to grow as an artist and human being. Maybe I can contribute something productive in this world instead of just taking, as I did in my wasted youth. Roger (Free Hand) Stephenson