

## Creative writing by women prisoners

These two poems, *By Words* and *Right Direction*, were written by prisoners in Auckland Region Women's Corrections Facility.

### By Words

Every heart,  
Falls apart.  
Every tear fall with fear.  
Every beat,  
Falls weak.  
Every thought,  
Battles fought.  
Every mind,  
Falls behind.  
Every crush,  
Ends in lust.  
Every drop, never stop.  
Every breath,  
Ends in death.  
Every touch,  
Loves too much.  
Every life,  
Ends in strife.  
Every soul,  
Loses control.  
Every light,  
Turns to night.  
Every Friend,  
Always ends.  
Every pain,  
Comes Again.  
    And,  
Every heart,  
Falls Apart.

### Right Direction

May these emotions never cloud  
    Judgements on your well-being  
May others understand  
    And come to see what you are seeing  
May there be commitment and courtesy  
    In every spoken word  
May you never lose sight  
    Though the present may be blurred  
May you take today and  
    Every other day as if it is your last  
May you build your future of dreams  
    And say goodbye to your past.