The Balloon

I sit, Suffocating in a plastic bag, No hope, No future, Trapped in the dark.

I am lifted, My prison torn open, Dumped into the light, Lost in a pile.

I am chosen, Stretched and pulled, Between sweaty palms, Exposed and alone.

I am filled, Placed on a nozzle, Inflated, weightless, Ready to Fly.

I am tethered, Knotted, Placed on a string, Tied to earth.

I am handed, A child, joyous face, Sticky hands, Trapped and pummeled.

But then,

a trip,

a fall.

a cry,

I am free,

Drifting,

Soaring on the wind,

No tether,

No Bag,

No hand,

Just,

ME.