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**Prologue to *Upon the Fragile Shore*
by Caridad Svich**

An extract from Caridad Svich's 2015 play exploring human rights and environmental issues.

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Testimony

An account, taken from testimony and interviews provided by Lorena Cabnal, a Xinka activist and human rights defender from Guatemala, and scripted by Christine Bacon and Sonja Linden of iceandfire theatre in October 2011.

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Odyssey to Freedom

An extract from the 2007 autobiography of George Bizos, who was counsel to many leading anti-apartheid activists in South Africa, including at the Rivonia trial of Nelson Mandela and other ANC members in 1963-4.

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Free Verse

A poem by Reinaldo Villalba, a lawyer and human rights defender from Colombia who has been supported by PBI accompaniment.

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Before the Law

A text by Franz Kafka, first published in a 1915 edition of the independent Jewish weekly *Selbstwehr*, and subsequently included in Kafka's novel *The Trial*. This version is translated by Ian Johnston.

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Measure for Measure

An extract from Act II Scene 2 of Shakespeare's play written in about 1603, in which Isabella, a novice nun, pleads with Angelo, deputy to the Duke of Vienna, for the life of her brother, Claudio.

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Making human rights come alive

An extract from a speech given to Columbia University on 30th March 1949 by Eleanor Roosevelt, who was prominent in the drafting and adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. In this passage Ms Roosevelt discusses the drafting of Article II of the Declaration, which provides for the right to non-discrimination.

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Freedom or death

An extract from a speech delivered in Hartford, Connecticut on 13th November 1913 by Emmeline Pankhurst, a leader of the suffragette movement whose campaigning helped to secure women's right to vote in Britain in 1918.

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Extracts from judgments

Extracts from judgments on issues of human rights and the rule of law from the courts of the UK, Israel, South Africa and India, including *A v Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2005] 2 AC 68, *Public Comm. Ag Torture in Israel v Israel* (Case No HCJ 5100/94) and *Johar v Union of India* (W.P. (Crl.) No. 76 of 2016).

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***Caged Bird* by Maya Angelou**

A poem by Maya Angelou, an American poet, author and civil rights activist, first published in 1983.

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The Perils of Indifference

Extracts from a lecture given at the White House on 12th April 1999 by Elie Wiesel, a writer, political activist and Nobel Laureate who survived deportation to Auschwitz and Buchenwald as a child, but whose parents and sister were killed.

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Human Rights Defenders and the Death of Berta Cáceres

A post published by Sir Henry Brooke on his blog, *Musings, Memories and Miscellanea*, on 4th March 2016.