

## THE CRIMINALS

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*"It is the deed that teaches, not the name we give it. Murder and capital punishment are not opposites that cancel one another, but similars that breed their kind."*

*- George Bernard Shaw*

we lock them in cages  
we charge them for their crimes  
we put them through the court  
and let them serve their sentence  
then let them go  
sometimes  
but  
sometimes they do something worse...  
we couldn't let them go  
could we?  
much too dangerous  
isn't it?

no one wants the job of executioner  
it's a good thing  
we found new ways  
we don't have to look at their faces  
we can say it wasn't me  
who made the system  
or sentenced them  
or did the act

maybe

too late for second thoughts  
a hand pulls the switch  
pushes the needle  
prepares the chamber  
trying to forget  
how it is  
The Criminals who murder