

## Wilderness House Literary Review 14/2

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### **Freedom Is Not Just Another Word**

PIGS ARE REPORTED TO BE THE SMARTEST of barnyard animals and female pigs smarter than the males. So, it makes sense that a 280-pound sow being transported to the slaughterhouse would work her way out of the back of a trailer transporting it to a future as a platter of bacon or as the ham centerpiece of the family dinner.

This sow bobbed and weaved her way through backyards like a star running back, eluding her captors and then the police, who like the Canadian Mounties wanted to prove they could get their man or pig. Finally, the corpulent porker ran out of strength, her legs wobbly, her grunts deeper, she just lay down and when roped like a cow she squealed like the pig. She was dragged back to her inevitable fate, learning a lesson rock and roll fans have never learned: freedom is not just another word and there is something left to lose.