

ESCAPES

Praise for the seven chimpanzees
at the Kansas City Zoo who fashioned

a ladder from branches; praise
for the eight monkeys in Brazil

who used stones to smash open
a lock. We need more penguins who

slide over thirteen foot walls
to plunge into Tokyo Bay. Let us

follow the example of Ken Allen,
the orangutan, who let himself

out of three difficult enclosures
then taught his friends how to open

their own gates. I want to be
the bobcat who leapt out of his

habitat — man-made wall,
man-made moat — to lie beside

a singing tree.