



## **Winged Pleasures**

I noticed a huge-winged bird  
flying high in the sky  
regardless of the happenings below  
engrossed in unalloyed pleasures  
of the ethereal world,  
a world free from  
the fever and the fret  
where there is no  
sadness or sorrow's sequence  
but joy's jocund company.  
The bird floats on the air lightly  
carrying no weight  
of the weary world  
on its bare back.  
The blessed being of the azure skies  
counter-balanced by  
the ever-complaining  
earthly race of humans  
never, ever happy in  
their existing situations,  
though endowed with immense  
latent potential  
yet forgetful of the  
power of mighty wings  
as those of feathered friends flying  
sky-high on their invincible  
precious possessions.

## Of Dreams

Dreams take us  
to unexistent places  
Figments of sheer  
imagination  
Generally horrifying,  
often pleasant  
not believing in  
such imaginings  
yet dreams lure us  
to a world of make-belief,  
and we begin to rely on  
prophetic aspect of the same.  
Dreams are good entertainers  
making us enjoy illusions, and  
leave us in a state of  
"willing suspension of disbelief".  
Another kind of dreams are just  
indispensable to reach our goal  
the adage goes well,  
"The greater the dream,  
the greater the success."  
Hence nourish the dreams  
rather than being horrified  
they're the stepping stones  
to reach an exciting world  
of wonders never thought  
of in the world of realities.

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