

Fledged

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The eaglet tests its wings
again and again in its nest
and finally, perched on the edge,
now fully fledged
it surveys the space
its wings have yet to know
and takes that first leap.

Oh what a sight
to see its magnificent flight
answering with its wings
each current of air
feeling the freedom there.

What is it keeping me here
inert in the known
in the shadows of light
in the familiar peace
choosing the ground
over the glory of flight?

Author's Note: Fledged - Adjective (of a young bird) having wing feathers that are large enough for flight; able to fly.

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