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DEATH OF AN EMBLEM

The scream of a dying eagle
travels far thru clean air.
It echoes from the mountains,
but they disregard despair.

The rabbits now won't fear her,
and field mice stand and laugh.
For the people in the valley
have just cut her time in half.

Her mind is numb with fever,
and her wings will flap no more.
Her breathing growing shallow,
and her heart becoming sore.

This death she knows will take her-
it can no longer be outrun.
She waves farewell to her mountains,
spotted eggs, and the rising sun.

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