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Vulture: The vulture is the most fabulous of birds. Pigeons: The pigeons turned to vultures in the night, By morning light they were eating city carrion.

### Additional Keywords

Poetry; Vulture; Pigeons; John Grey; Lynn Maudlin

## VULTURE

by John Grey

The vulture  
is the most fabulous  
of birds.

It hovers over  
the still living  
as if it can read  
the future in its  
beady head.

I pay good money  
to have my tea-leaves read

when I only need  
to look up,

pin-point the center  
of their dark circles.

## PIGEONS *(a lyric)*

by Lynn Maudlin

The pigeons turned to vultures in the night,  
By morning light they were eating city carrion.  
Debris among the wreckage, the rape and carnage -  
That's how they found us.

Huddled in twisted ruins, steel and concrete;  
Nothing to eat, hiding from the shadows all around  
us.

We must have looked like animals; and we were --  
That's how they found us.

Long-limbed and silver, lithe.  
Their very presence exiled the night.  
We stood in wonderment and fright.

Speaking softly, as to a dog or to a child  
One of them smiled, they will take us home  
Among the distant stars, the singing stars --  
They will take us home.

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