




5-1-2019

Birds of Light

Jack Cooper

Follow this and additional works at: <https://dc.swosu.edu/westview>

 Part of the [Fiction Commons](#), [Nonfiction Commons](#), [Photography Commons](#), and the [Poetry Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Cooper, Jack (2019) "Birds of Light," *Westview*. Vol. 35: Iss. 1, Article 6.
Available at: <https://dc.swosu.edu/westview/vol35/iss1/6>

This Poetry is brought to you for free and open access by the Journals at SWOSU Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Westview by an authorized administrator of SWOSU Digital Commons. For more information, please contact phillip.fitzsimmons@swosu.edu.

Birds of Light

By Jack Cooper

Autumn streams of rain
hit the maple tree
and red and yellow leaves
wing off in all directions

I collect them
and press these sylvan birds of light
in a children's book
so they might preserve the story
about life that flies
happily ever after

If a blue sky
can convince a green forest
it's time to play dead
and you and I know why
is it not our calling then
to make the case
for selfless acts of perpetuity?

The human heart
is like a tree
that has more leaves
than it needs