

Octo

Disorienting Geese Going East and South

Dark skeins of geese fly in gray sky
from western mountains and cold north.
Hundreds squawking, loose formations—
looping, sprawling. Where are the V's?
Regrouping, scrawling liberties,
hundreds squawking, loose formations
from western mountains and cold north.
Dark skeins of geese fly in gray sky.

Trying to find wildlife refuge?
A place to escape bunching clouds?
Going in the right direction?
Sewing patterns in rending air,
mending flocks with their graceful flare
going in the right direction?
A place to escape bunching clouds?
Trying to find wildlife refuge?

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1. 8 lines.
2. 8 syllables.
3. Line 4 and 5 rhyme. Lines 1-3 reverse as line 6-8.
4. Rhyme Scheme: A-B-C- d-d- C-B-A