

Decannelle

Murmurations

A collection of starlings in decline in Scotland and England

8x Each fall thousands of starlings dance
7a gather in shape-shifting flocks
8x migrate from north lands to escape
7a where winter's frigid grip locks.
8x Swarm intelligence as their guide
7a flit as microsecond clocks.
8x avoid collisions, predators.
7b In dusky, twilight sky they
8x sculpt, swirl patterns in instant shifts
7b choreograph their ballet.

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1. Ten lines. Decastich.
2. Metered trochaic tetrameter with alternating 8-7-8-7-8-7-8-7-8-7 syllables causing the odd number lines to have unrhymed feminine endings while the even number lines have rhymed masculine endings.
3. My attempt will follow the syllable counts, not meter.
4. Rhyme Scheme: x-a-x-a-x-a-x-b-x-b