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KITPU

Kitpu means eagle
kitpu means the grandparents
are watching over you,
when you watch the fluttering flag,
the cross, the star and the moon
all move as if they were wings.
The cry of an eagle
on a summer day
makes your head snap
as if a beaver was startled
by your walk among the pines.
Eagle is the teacher
and when it offers you a feather
to use as a fan to smudge,
smile, it's a gift from above.
Kitpu fishes like no other
and rarely misses its intended prey.
The eagle takes only what he needs
and leaves the rest for his brothers
and sisters the crow and the raven.

When you strike the drum
and the beat bounces
past your ears and clouds
the eagle hears
and will fly lazy circles above you.
Learning from the eagle is a gift,
smile when you see an eagle
dance and sing in the far horizon
remember they see you,
they hear you
they know you
and yes,
they love you.

Lindsay Marshall



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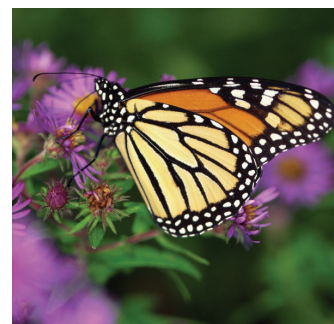
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