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Chapter. 6 Poem

**Birds of a Feather**

READING

In the two poems that you will read, both the poets marvel at the fascinating world of birds. They bring out different aspects of the two birds- the Grackle and the Stork. While one talks about the eccentricities of the bird in loving jest, the other renders an ode to the beauty and grace of the stork.

Now read the poem

**The Grackle**

The grackle's voice is less than mellow,  
His heart is black, his eye is yellow,  
He bullies more attractive birds  
With hoodlum deeds and vulgar words,  
And should a human interfere,  
Attacks that human in the rear.  
I cannot help but deem the grackle  
An ornithological debacle.

-Ogden Nash

## Storks Fly North

dusk

a stork speckled sky

storks are flying  
to the northlands

as their generations  
have taught them

they are flying  
to the northlands

where hope  
and old nests await

light fades  
as silk  
to evening

smooth sleek gliders  
homing to the darkling woods

where secrets sleep  
with the storks.

-Tom Berman