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BIRDS AT EVENING

When the rooks fly homeward and the gulls
are following high,
And the grey feet of the silence with a
silver dream are shod,
I mind me of the little wings abroad in every
sky
Who seek their sleep of God.

When the dove is hidden and the dew is
white on the corn,
And the dark bee in the heather, and the
shepherd with the sheep,
I mind me of the little wings in the holm-
oak and the thorn
Who take of Him their sleep.

When the brier closes and the iris-flower is
furled,
And over the edge of the evening the
martin knows her nest,
I mind me of the little hearts abroad in all the
world
Who find in Him their rest.

“The Lamp of Poor Souls”
Marjorie Pickthall.

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