Birds Of Passage

It's a fabulous fall day for the birds

On a practically bare tree

They have assembled on all the branches

Like live tree ornaments

Instead of the leaves which blew away

They have embarked on every branch of a huge tree

How splendid they are

Each knowing what vicinity they require

As they fly together

Making marvelous shapes in the sky

In extraordinary quantities

The fall flowers have come to the quiet cemetery

And the splendid stone figures stand out

Built years ago and chosen for their loved ones

Birds of passage fly away like our lives

And we stand at the cemetery

Remembering how much we have

Missed our loved ones through the years

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