

THE ALIEN

The cormorants flew in strings
Across the rosy sky
Returning to their rookeries
But I could only watch
An alien



A family played together in the sand
Complete and utter in their world
But I could only watch
An alien

A curious pelican drifted shoreward
But when I sought his company
He fled back to his kingdom
I was excluded from his world
An alien

There was no world for me
I am condemned to roam
Without a home, no people of my own
I can only watch and look
An alien

My home is far away
My city is celestial
There'll be a mansion there
My Lord is waiting with a welcome
I'm now content to be
An alien

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