

for those of us with unclipped wings

i heard tell of an eagle with a wingspan of 8 feet...
maybe that's why some live on mountains...won't fly in flocks.

here in this congested place our wings never see the fullness
of air. simply not enough room...

so

some forget they can fly
some listen to those who tell them they can't
some line up like sneetches to get theirs clipped in
designer patterns unaware that blessings
never come the same way twice
some
refuse to be...

but for those of us who
held out for so long climbing in the frost
of winter bearing the load and burden of those
wings and yet still admiring their strength
we
are now at the top of a mountain
poised to take flight.

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