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northbound flight

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In my youth
springtime was spent at a retention pond
greeting the returning geese from their northbound flight
Offered whatever stale bread I could muster up from my pantry
walking home with weary eyes became familiar
I was never able to feed them all
no matter what technique was used
one always reigned supreme
The hisses ring within the cathedrals of my mind
it wasn't my fault
but somehow I could have done more
looking back
It seems I've been given more than proposed
gifted a heart too big for my body
trained to never leave any for me
Somewhere between the pews of this holy church
horrible habits came to be.

