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BUTTERFLY MIGRATION

September draws them through her sunny skies  
Along the magic wave line of the shore,  
Those feathered dreams that men call butterflies,  
To honey cups not known to them before.  
Their veined but fragile wings do not display  
The strange endurance furthering their flight.  
Unhampered by the subtle breeze each day  
They hover over meadows and alight  
In mass communion, quaffing of the mead  
That gives them strength for yet another mile,  
Forming bouquets on each enticing weed  
Which lends itself as altar for a while,  
Then flutter on, their tattered wings the toll  
Of constant struggle toward the longed for goal.

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