

Enlightenment

The Oregon Osprey

- 12a An osprey plucks fish out of a pond or a lake.
10a In telephone poles heavy stick nests make
8a an image of a crown or cake.
8b They have their own special appeal
10b with squawk, their loud chirps and gull-like squeal.
12b Migrate apart, but are monogamous for real.
6x the Oregon Osprey!
- 12a Few hardy individuals spend winter here.
10a It is rare to see one. Return each year
8a to build a nest with fishing near.
8b They winter different places.
10b Mexico's West coast-- more balmy spaces.
12b When I see them flying, nesting--my heart races:
6x the Oregon Osprey!
- 12a Conspicuous crook in long wings and black wrist mark
10a identifies them. Fly in graceful arc
8a over our homes, our farms and park.
8b Some nest in dead trees on the bank
10b of Willamette River, where talons sank
12b into the flesh of doomed fish's slippery flank:
6x the Oregon Osprey!

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Syllable Count: 12-10-8-8-10-12-6 repeat. The last line of each stanza is a six-syllable phrase you get from the first line. Put a semicolon between each set and an exclamation point at the end of statement. Or repeat the same six-syllable phrase at the end of each stanza. Minimum of 3 stanzas.

Rhyme Scheme: a-a-a-b-b-x. X means the last line will most likely not rhyme. Spiritual or about nature.