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## KITPU

Kitpu means eagle  
kitpu means the grandparents  
are watching over you,  
when you watch the fluttering flag,  
the cross, the star and the moon  
all move as if they were wings.  
The cry of an eagle  
on a summer day  
makes your head snap  
as if a beaver was startled  
by your walk among the pines.  
Eagle is the teacher  
and when it offers you a feather  
to use as a fan to smudge,  
smile, it's a gift from above.  
Kitpu fishes like no other  
and rarely misses its intended prey.  
The eagle takes only what he needs  
and leaves the rest for his brothers  
and sisters the crow and the raven.

When you strike the drum  
and the beat bounces  
past your ears and clouds  
the eagle hears  
and will fly lazy circles above you.  
Learning from the eagle is a gift,  
smile when you see an eagle  
dance and sing in the far horizon  
remember they see you,  
they hear you  
they know you  
and yes,  
they love you.

*Lindsay Marshall*



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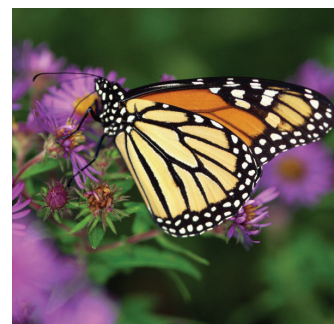
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