

**Geese**

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On the lake  
the geese fly in aggressive  
squadrons of Spitfires,  
splash landing in flocks like

flying boats down on floats,  
squawking arguing squabbling  
like politicians on the media.

An Escher picture depicting  
black geese outlined by white  
geese outlined by black

amuses, tricks the eye, reflects  
the flock in formation aloft, but  
it's no inky evocation of  
the Capitol's gobbling guardians.