

POETRY ~ HOMELESS BIRD BY TAGORE

Many are the human speeches I've heard migrating
in flocks, flying on invisible tracks
from obscure pasts to distant inchoate futures.
And within myself I've heard
day and night
in the company of countless birds
a homeless bird speeding through light and dark
from one unknown shore to yet another
On cosmic wings a refrain echoes through space:
"Not here, no, but somewhere, somewhere else!"

Homeless Bird Vocabulary

Migrate (ing): to move from one country or place to live or work in another
: of a bird or animal: to move from one area to another at different times of the year

Obscure: unclear, clouded

Inchoate: just beginning

Cosmic: relating to spiritual matters, or relating to the universe or outer space

Refrain: a comment or statement that is often repeated

Questions:

1. Why do you believe the author of Homeless Bird, picked this as a title for her book?
2. What is the theme of the poem, Homeless Bird?
3. Explain how the poem relates to Koly's life.
4. What creature would you compare your life to? Why?

