

Watchman of the Wild
By Cain Pence

Soar above
Oh Eagle of America
Symbol of freedom, guardian of the wilderness
Winged watcher, witness of pioneer dreams
Hunter of prey, hope of patriots
Protector of rivers, provost of river men
Bird of beauty, beast of majesty

Soar high above mountain and Mississippi
Soar high above fruited plain and delta
Soar high above foothills and blue lakes
Soar high above canyons and forest

Oh, great Eagle of America
Watchman of the wild
Remain vigilant and strong
Watch over our great land
And let America rise and soar
Like the mighty Eagle who guards
Her rivers and shores

Cain Pence is a writer based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Pence is a graduate of Georgetown University and has travelled extensively throughout all 50 states. Mr. Pence grew up exploring the banks of the Mississippi River and has always loved the majestic eagles found along its banks. He wrote this poem to celebrate the spirit of freedom symbolized by the eagle and America. He can be reached at caino@cainpence.com.