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It Came from Somewhere in the Sky

Like a smoke that will not stir, white mists lie down to sleep

with the sweet-smelling clover, blasphemies and prayers, and all the changes of the years.

With eagle wings outspread for flight they call me with their voices.

ABOUT THE POEM

"It Came from Somewhere in the Sky" was created from poems in Frederick George Scott's *Poems: Old and New* (1900):

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title "Love Slighted"
line 1 "Thor"
line 2 "The Unnamed Lake"
line 3 "To a Fly in Winter"
line 4 "In the Churchyard"
line 5 "A Reverie"
line 6 "Dawn"
line 7 "My Lattice"
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About the poem and the process of composing it, Deborah Purdy writes:

Reading through the collection of poems, I started compiling the 12th line (or every 12th line) of selected poems. I then paired lines that I thought would work well together in terms of sound and meaning.