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It's spring, and the black flocks of grackles are
passing through.

They fly in a sweeping, swirling, rapid current,
horizon to horizon across the sky.
Eddying currents surge within the flow,
currents within currents,
movement within movement,
in a fast-flowing rhythmic pointillism.

For one moving moment I stand on a spot of ground
beneath them,
earthbound, gazing skyward, watching,
feeling the air pulse with the sound of life flying
above me
and the whirring of thousands of wings
in a vast programmed flow.

Then I look earthward and resume my daily pace,
myself a tiny spot in a duller, pedestrian flow,
a human, programmed flow
of currents within currents,
movement within movement,
veering and sweeping in a vaster, slow-motioned
pointillism,
horizon to horizon, across the surface of time.
I wonder if anyone's watching?

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