

Foreword:

In the part of Canada where I live, we often see the wonderful sight of eagles soaring overhead. With wing spans of over five feet, they are so majestic as they rise with little effort, on wind currents that carry them far into the sky. Usually, the female eagle will lay two or three eggs, but, I am told on good authority, that there was once an eagle who laid a clutch of six eggs! She was so happy as she sat on them while her mate stood on the edge of the nest, his chest held out and his beak held high with pride.

One day he noticed another eagle sitting on her nest a short distance away. "Hello," he squawked in Eaglese, "Have you some eggs also?" The reply was in the affirmative with the added information that there were two eggs in that nest. He tried to be polite but could not refrain from pointing his wing to his mate on her eggs, and saying the one word, "Six!"

A little while later the six eggs hatched and the nest was soon full of noisy little eaglets. Mother and father eagle were so busy as they kept their brood happy with morsels of salmon, but they were very contented as they saw them growing until they filled all the room available in the nest. As mother continued to feed her young, father spent much of his time building on an addition to the family home in order to accommodate his children. He was far too busy to notice his neighbours as they cared for the offspring in their nest.

However, one day as father eagle was taking a brief moment to rest, he noticed that his neighbours were no longer rushing about to feed their two eaglets, so he called over, "Hello, again. I do not see your little eaglets there with you. I hope they are all right. Nothing wrong is there?" "O no!" came the reply, "they're out flying!"

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, and they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

"Oh Lord, teach us to fly like the eagle so that we might soar into heavenly places with you"