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Hawkish Advances

Aloft on hover search mission
Afloat the mobile reach of current motion
Below the windy distributive force
Beside the hen-flock relative source
Daring manouver away embossed
Duly supportive of fluffy load
Enacting scenes of egoistic fray
Ending the tug of mindful prey
From depth erupts the hulking sleuth
Flagrant hype expressed in pilot swoop breath
Induced level of game pulse flap
In a native sky dance foray group
Lacing squeaky greetings on harmattan rage
Lurking perches of earthward cage
Moving within endurance craft
Mischievous stance manacle bracket fright
On parallel track adventure tow
Outside place predator instinct glow
Waiting not in vain for yet a victim
Winning the throe full of steam

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