

Our DC EagleCam Nest at the National Arboretum was featured for the first time in 2015-2016, and the nation fell in love with this family of eagles! Millions of people watched daily and got an up-close-and-personal look at the lives of 'Mr. President,' 'The First Lady,' and their offspring, 'Liberty' and 'Freedom.'

Flight Envy

Standing in my nest
As safe as I can be
Almost fully grown
For all the world to see

My eyes are black and serious
My wings are strong and wide
One day I'll be so curious
And fledge the nest with pride

Other birds are chirping
They're also flitting by
I wonder how they do it
I wonder how they fly

I'm curious enough to do it
These wings will carry me
Above the trees so high
I'll do it one day you'll see!

Cold and wet the days
When I was just so small
Now are warm and green
And now I stand so tall

There's something crawling next to me
With legs and wings, oh my!
It flies around the nest
Oh it's just a silly fly

At first I'll fly with grace and strength
The landing not so true
It will take some practice
Believe me just a few

I'll be ready in my time
I'll be like the rest
Then you'll be so proud of me
Fledging from the nest

My life will be all mine then
But not so much alone
I will look so forward now
To a family of my own

~ D. LaFleur ~
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Visions of Eagle Flight

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Soaring high, flying free
Spread your wings for all to see

Head of white, eyes of gold
Your picture's found on symbols old

Now your nest in Arboretum¹
Has Eagle Cams so all can see 'em²

From brooding eggs to eaglets flight
We watch by day and through the night

Eaglets fledged now "juvies" be³
They've learned to fly from tree to tree

Hunting takes a lot more time
If "juvies" learn they'll do just fine

When you return to nest next year
We will all be waiting here

Eagle cams we long to see
As you raise your family

We will watch by day or night
For visions of your eagle flight

Soaring high, flying free
Spread your wings for all to see 🦅



This poem is dedicated to the American Eagle Foundation⁴, the cam installers and operators, the chat moderators and to everyone who made this vision possible.

¹ U.S. National Arboretum <http://www.usna.usda.gov/>

² Washington, DC Bald Eagle Nest Cam <http://www.dceaglecam.org/>

³ DC Eagle Nest FAQs <http://www.dceaglecam.org/pdf/DC-FAQs.pdf>

⁴ American Eagle Foundation <https://www.eagles.org/>