

**Your dream, Your wish.**

I'm just a bird,  
A streak of black across the sky.  
That's what you think of me  
A helpless little soul  
Screeching until my voice is hoarse  
That's what you think of me.  
Picking food off of the streets,  
Giving it to my children,  
Starving without supper, that's what you think of me  
I'm just a bird; perishing to my death  
Think again;  
Think again;  
BIG time.

I'm free for life  
The god of the sky  
Emperor of the clouds  
One with the air,  
The patchwork orb you live on fades beneath me as I fly  
You're looking at your dreams,  
Your wishes  
The world you long to live in  
Right here.  
You're trapped like a prisoner  
Nowhere to go, nowhere to be...  
Your sphere, so colourful, so unique...  
Yet I have never even touched it. Why would I?  
I live for the air  
As I loop and swoop through the cotton balls of clouds  
My paradise!

I laugh

Can you feel the liberation I feel?

The exhilaration?

The happiness?

No.

Glued to the ground you are, on your pretty, earthy surface

Whilst I plummet and swoop,

Glide and dive,

Screech and scream

To my heart's content

Everywhere's my home

Britain, Mozambique, Liberia

You name it!

But will you change my world?

Destroy it, tear it to bits?

I'm a death star to insects,

A versatile missile soaring into the air

A blur of wonder,

Mystery

A black bullet of fury and peace cutting through the sky

A soaring plane of exhilaration with any destination

I'm a wish;

I'm a dream;

One heart's desire;

That's what you really think of me.

**Amelia, aged 10.**

**What would life be like if...**

I'm a black arrow shooting through the sky  
Your dream is my reality  
You wish you could be me...  
The only thing you can do is watch me live up the life  
I fly over your patchwork orb  
Although I have never touched it  
Screeching and shooting past you, making you stare  
Everyone dreams of flight like me!  
I'm a swift racing spitfire to insects  
My wings flap in fury  
A blur to your eyes  
Darting out of harm's way...  
Like an aeroplane at its highest height  
When I fly just over your head, making a breeze  
I'm quick than light itself  
While your ground dwelling eyes try to watch me  
I was born free; unlike you...  
You wish you were me.

**Katie, aged 10**

**HAHA you can't catch me!**

You.  
You wish you were me.  
I fly like no other bird.  
I can fly from Africa to Britain and back  
In only 9 months...  
Black arrow  
I am free for life  
Your dream is what I do,

Insect, in the air...

Catch!

The world you live in...

A smudged, blurry rainbow to me.

Now, my world is perfect

As I screech and scream I tease you!

Gliding whilst asleep,

A missile shooting through the sky,

Like an extreme roller coaster you wish you could have a ride on.

You wish...

Blur in the sky

Haha, you can't catch me

Like a dot through the sky

In your dreams

Me, your dreams.

My wings are a blur to you below

Like a supersonic plane in the air

Concorde swooping in between you humans

Faster than a blink of your eye

High on life.

Will my mate arrive?

Graceful, swooping rocket

Like light itself.

Never ending orb under my wings

Why are they looking at me?

Where is danger?

Oh, another insect.

Catch!

Plummeting down

You wish...

**Tyler, aged 10**

### **Free for life**

No cage, sea or walls will ever hold me

Your world below is a blinding mess of rules...

You know you want to be one of us

The old hall of books is my beacon

You could never be me

I'm your dream

Screech, loop, swoop, dive

I explore through the sky

I'm an amazing black dart vision above you

You can never be me

I'm your dream

I'm like Concorde thought the air, yet more agile

Take a look up and what do you see

I'm fury

A viper of a predator

I'm as big as a hand

And yet I feel bigger and better than you

You wish to be me

You yearn to be me

I'm whooshing and skimming you as I glide through the air

Taunting you

You'll never be me, ha!

My world is perfect

The sky; my only boundary

My life; an arena

I'm spotless and perfect

I'm free for life.

### **Hope, aged 9**