

PIGEON TALK:

A few thoughts about peace

**Basically birds of a feather flock together:
doves talk to doves
hawks talk to hawks**

**What I'd luv ta see
is more cross-feathered communication**

**More folks need to listen to other species
without flying into a rage**

**We need to protect our roost
without turning chicken
but also recognise
the world is a vast henhouse
not a narrow cage**

**Alas –
most humans are too bird-brained
& despite pecks and coos
ruffling feathers is mainly what we do.**

**Can we soar higher
than swallow-tailed kites,
or must we remain grounded
as kakapos at night?**



Frida: Poems like this are boring: "what if" questions are basically a waste of time.

Ying: Perhaps so, but isn't also good to remember that the universe isn't as solid as we imagine?

Dmiritri: (nodding) Yep! Our world is a matrix with in which billions of "what ifs" converge into "what seems."

Satoru: (yawning) Uh huh . . . well, what if we changed the topic?

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