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Free Wings

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A short poem on the critically endangered 'Alalā, or Hawaiian Crow.

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## FREE WINGS

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Silken leaves brush its feathers

Its cold hard beak sweeps back and forth

Obsidian feathers glint in the sun

‘Alalā, bird of lore

Now it’s gone forevermore



