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By WITTER BYNNER

O blue-bird, leading on and on
To another fence-post, luring me aside
Past my own fences to oblivion
In yours, where are we going through the wide
Small path we choose to take or chance to follow—
You lightly fluttering to give your mate
As airy errands as an evening swallow,
And I impressing my important fate
On every inch of ground these ankles tread?
Where are we going through the afternoon
Of cottonwoods, whose leaves are almost dead,
As ankles too must be and wings too soon?
One fence-post at a time suffices you . . .
Ankles be light again, as wings are blue!