Squall Line
(An Ekphrastic Pantoum)

The birds are restless on the lines
As gathering clouds loom ominous.
Nature's instincts read the signs.
Each huddles closely in distress.

As gathering clouds loom ominous
Cattle cease to graze and roam.
Each huddles closely in distress
The lowing herd turns face to home.

Cattle cease to graze and roam.
Thunder follows streak of light.
The lowing herd turns face to home.
All lines are emptied; wings take flight.

Thunder follows streak of light.
Birds plunge into the sea of sky.
All lines are emptied; wings take flight
Diving, swooping down from high.

Birds plunge into the sea of sky.
Nature's instincts read the signs.
Diving, swooping down from high.
The birds are restless on the lines.