

INTERPRETED BY PYTHAGORAS

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While others listen to the songs of birds,
he's wrapped up in just how they do their math;
from sequences of sweet notes he infers,
while walking slowly down this leafy path,
a bird's ear view of sunlit ratio,
of repetition, formula and Pi,
song harmonies revealing that birds know
so much of math, that even as they fly
away at his approach, they calculate
their angle of descent to nearby trees;
geometry of flight, beyond debate,
enabling them to surf the morning breeze.
He hears them now, more distant...patterned cries
beyond what rhythms chaos might devise.

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