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I sit on a soaring plane with clouds below me
As sunlight penetrates my window from high above
I witness the radiating wonder of God's graciousness
Still encapsulated in his boundless love.

When his omnipotent wings of change lift you
To heights you thought you'd never know
Just remember that the creator
Has favored and rewarded you
With gifts he continues to gracefully bestow.

They are not to be taken lightly
Nor to be consumed with arrogance and greed
They are to be used to spread love universally
In a time of endless human need.

His gifts are not the tangible things
Like presents under a Christmas tree,
But rather gifts of talent, time and attitude
Helping another set their spirits free.

Paul spoke of these diverse gifts
To listeners a very long time ago.
He shared his blessed insights and knowledge
Of the powerful gift God can set aglow.

Yes the clouds of hopelessness and despair are below me
Having ascended to a place of clarity of thought
Life's lessons have taught me to love unconditionally
Having been molded by what the Creator wrought

His sunlight frames the ultimate target
When personal fog and intolerant clouds finally drift away
It is a glorious moment to behold his majesty
When we completely understand his way.

So cherish your unique gift
Remain humbled by his caring way
And to the challenge gallantly rise,
You see freedom is calling
And we cannot continue to delay.

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