



## ***And So to Soar***

As the badge ascends its place  
So proudly on the chest,  
The Eagle knows his race  
Has been his very best.

He's learned the Oath and Law  
And taken them to heart.  
He's lived by them each day,  
From him they'll never part.

An Eagle truly marks the man  
For all the days he lives,  
It says, "Here stands a man  
Who's life is one that gives."

The life that lies ahead  
So based on youthful days  
Reveals how Scouting's led  
To lives of honor and praise.

As he has known the helping hand  
Of others lifting him,  
He's also learned how tall he stands  
When he is lifting them.

There's special honor here tonight,  
Bestowed on one who knows  
That with this badge so shiny bright  
Responsibility goes.

Yes, dreams have come and been achieved.  
This long-awaited day.  
Brian held that dream and truly believed ---  
Now this Eagle soars away!

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