Q. Dear Twig: What if there were flying pumpkins?

A. Wobbity, wobbity. Um, yes, well, if there were, you'd have to keep looking up all the time so you wouldn't get klonked in the head by one.

But: As far as I know, for better or worse, there are no flying pumpkins. Reason being, *pumpkins don't have wings*. They also don't have *propellers*. Nor *Rolls Royce vectored-thrust turbofan engines*, as used on the AV-8A Harrier vertical/short takeoff and landing aircraft. A pumpkin with vertical/short takeoff and landing capabilities would be a powerful pumpkin. And hard to carve.

The *Great Pumpkin* flies but isn't real. He's in that Charlie Brown Halloween special. He "flies through the air to deliver toys to all the good little children in the world," say Linus and Wikipedia. "(He) is likely to pass by anyone who doubts his existence." Which means no Nintendo DS for me, boo!

Birds have wings. So do bats and most insects. Seeds with wings are called *samaras*. But pumpkins and their seeds aren't samaras.

The wind beneath your pumpkin,