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The Owl and the Pussy-Cat

I

The Owl and the Pussy-cat went to sea
  In a beautiful pea-green boat.
They took some honey and lots of money,
  Wrapped up in a five-pound note.
The Owl looked at the stars above
  And played a small guitar.
“O Pussy, my love,
  How beautiful you are,
      You are,
      You are!
How beautiful you are!”

II

Pussy said to the Owl, “You wonderful bird!
  How sweetly you can sing!
Let us get married! We have waited long!
  Where can we find a ring?”
They sailed away for a year and a day
  To the land where the Bong-Tree grows.
There in a wood a Piggy-wig stood
  With a ring on the end of his nose,
        His nose,
        His nose.

III

“Dear Pig, will you sell for one shilling
  Your ring?” Said the Piggy, “I will.”
So they took it away and were married next day
  By the Turkey who lived on the hill.
They ate some meat and slices of sweet quince,
  With a funny round spoon.
And hand in hand, on the edge of the sand,
  They danced by the light of the moon,
        The moon,
        The moon,
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