

The Feartie Cat



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A feartie cat, an richt hen-hertit,
Ah'm shair tae loass onie rammie -
Fur well afore it wad even be stertit
Whae'd be skirlin for his mammie?

Ah wud!

Fae uncannie craiturs Ah'd jouk awa
Tremmlin, souchin, sairly fleggit
Ah'd coorie, mak masel sma.
Fae sic beasties whae wudnae leg it?

Ah huv!

'Cushie, cushie' the corbie wud ca,
As a wirriecow's speirer oot,
Kecklin michtily as Ah lowpit the wa,
He's clypin tae carlines so wud Ah scoot?

Wud Ah?!

A hushle o hey in runkelt claes
Wi a tumshie heid an a battered hat
Mochie, holie, seen better days -
Whae on eird cud be feart o that?

Ah cud!

A wee peep an Ah'm aa peelie wallie,
Ne'er min a fleysome tattie-bogle!
Feart as Ah am o ma ain shaddae,
Whit does it tak ma smeddum tae coggle?

Nuthin!

The vocabulary o this poem is no easy but ye can mak oot whit maist o the words mean fae the context.

1. Whit words gie ye a sense o the wey a feart animal behaves? Whit can ye tell about its body-language frae stanza 2?
2. In stanza three, whit words mak ye think o witches or warlocks and their familiars?

3. Can ye see ony alliteration?
4. Dae ony o the words or phrases seem tae you tae be onomatopoeic?

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