

The Owl and the Pussy-Cat

by Edward Lear

The Owl and the Pussy-cat went to sea In a
beautiful pea-green boat,
They took some honey, and plenty of money,
Wrapped up in a five-pound note.

The Owl looked up to the stars above, And
sang to a small guitar,

“O lovely Pussy! O Pussy, my love,
What a beautiful Pussy you are, You
are,
You are!

What a beautiful Pussy you are!”

Pussy said to the Owl, “You elegant fowl!

How charmingly sweet you sing!

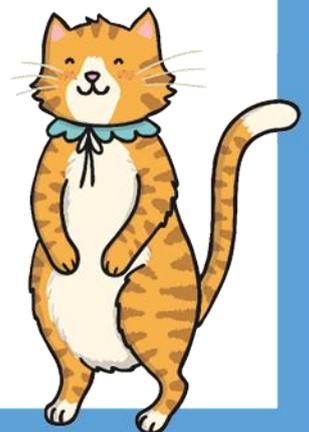
O let us be married! Too long we have tarried: But
what shall we do for a ring?”

They sailed away, for a year and a day, To
the land where the Bong-Tree grows And
there in a wood a Piggy-wig stood With a
ring at the end of his nose,

His nose,

His nose,

With a ring at the end of his nose.



“Dear Pig, are you willing to 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 lives on the hill.

They dined on mince, and slices of quince,

Which they ate with a runcible spoon;

And hand in hand, on the edge of the sand,

They danced by the light of the moon,

The moon,

The moon,

They danced by the light of the moon.



Questions

1. How many verses are there in the poem? Tick one.

two

three

four

2. Which two adjectives are used to describe the boat in the second line of the poem?

3. Each verse of the poem has some repeated words. Where do they appear in the verse? Tick one.

at the beginning

at the end

in the middle

4. The Owl and the Pussy-cat did three things in the last verse of the poem. What were they?

5. At what time of day is the poem set? How do you know?

6. The animals in the poem can talk. Do you think it would be good if animals could talk? Explain your answer.
