

CHAPTER 27. UNKNOWN AUTHORS



**[A]sk now the beasts, and they shall teach thee;
and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:
Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee:
and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.
Job 12:7, 8 King James Bible**

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Soft lies the turf on one who finds his rest
Here on our common mother's ample breast.
Unstained by meanness, avarice and pride,
He never flattered and he never lied;
No gluttonous excess his slumber broke,
No burning alcohol, no stifling smoke;
He ne'er intrigued a rival to displace;
He ran, but never betted on, a race;
Content with harmless sports and moderate food,
Boundless in love, in faith, in gratitude;
Happy the man—if there be such?—
Of whom his epitaph can say as much.

(on an Aberdeenshire, Scotland, churchyard stone,
in memory of Pompey the dog [1891-1902])

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I eat everything that nature voluntarily gives:
fruits, vegetables, and the products of plants.
But I ask you to spare me what animals
are forced to surrender: meat, milk, and cheese.

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Did not the same Hand which made them make us?
Are they not formed with equal thought and accuracy?
Are they not, considering the difference of their natures,
as bountifully provided for?
Have they not impressed on them
as vehement a desire of continuing their kinds?
Appear they not, when bruised or wounded,
or otherwise evil-treated,
—to seem equally sensible of pain?
Yes, considered in all these respects,
the very meanest worm is our sister.

("Clemency for Brutes" © 1761)

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All that breathes is precious.
Who is to say that the suffering of an animal
is less worthy of solace than the pain of man?

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Creature QUOTES



The spark of life is no dimmer
simply because it is encased in fur or feathers.*
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They hang the man and flog the woman
That steal the goose from off the common,
But let the greater villain loose
That steals the common from the goose.
(English folk poem, 1764)

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A man of kindness, to his beast is kind.
But brutal actions show a brutal mind:
Remember, He who made thee, made the brute,
Who gave thee speech and reason, formed him mute;
He can't complain, but God's omniscient eye
Beholds thy cruelty—He hears his cry!
He was designed thy servant; not thy drudge,
But know—That his creator is thy judge.

(*The Ladies' Equestrian Guide*, 1857)

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* The quote illustrated by the pelicans actually reads “fur or leather”—but because the author is unknown, the editor of *Creature Quotes* used poetic license to change it from “leather” to “feathers” in honor of these pink-beaked, white-feathered friends.

Only an insect; yet I know
It felt the sunlight's golden glow,
And the sweet morning made it glad
With all the little heart it had.

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It saw the shadows move; it knew
The grass-blades glittered, wet with dew;
And gayly o'er the ground it went;
It had its fulness of content.

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Some dainty morsel then it spied,
And for the treasure turned aside;
Then, laden with its little spoil,
Back to its nest began to toil.

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An insect formed of larger frame,
Called man, along the pathway came.
A ruthless foot aside he thrust,
And ground the beetle in the dust.

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Perchance no living being missed
The life that there ceased to exist;
Perchance the passive creature knew
No wrong, nor felt the deed undue;

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Yet its small share of life was given
By the same hand that orders heaven.
'Twas for no other power to say,
Or should it go or should it stay.

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It is God-like to protect



those who cannot protect themselves.

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**A hundred years from now,
it will not matter the sort of house I lived in,
what my bank account was, or the car I drove.
But the world may be different because I was important
in the life of the animals and the creatures on this earth.**

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**If, when giving an account
of our life's works in that dread day,
we would find mercy,
remember that we will have to
show the Omnipotent Judge
that during our lives on earth
we have shown mercy to both man and beast.**

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◆ In battling down all cruelty in your hearts and in the world
you not only destroy a thing hideous,
but you create a thing of beauty,
for the heart does not remain empty;
mercy comes in to fill all his depths.

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Though a cage be made of gold,
it is still a cage!

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A cruel deed
It is, sweet bird, to cage thee up,
Prisoner for life, with just a cup
And a box of seed,
And sod to move on
barely one foot square,
Hung o'er dark street,
midst foul and murky air.

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From freedom brought,
And robbed of every chance of wing,
Thou couldst have had no heart to sing,
one would have thought.
But though thy song is sung,
men little know
The yearning source from which
those sweet notes flow.



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Poor little bird!
As often as I think of thee,
And how thou longest to be free,
My heart is stirred,
And, were my strength but equal to my rage,
Methinks thy cager would be in his cage.

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The selfish man!
To take thee from thy broader sphere,
Where thousands heard thy music clear,
On Nature's plan;
And where the listening landscape far and wide
Had joy, and thou thy liberty beside.

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A singing slave
Made now; with no return but food;
No mate to love, nor little brood
To feed and save;
No cool and leafy haunts; the cruel wires
Chafe thy young life and check thy just desires.



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Brave little bird!
Still striving with thy sweetest song
To melt the hearts that do thee wrong,
I give my word
To stand with those who for thy freedom fight,
Who claim for thee that freedom as thy right.

("A Caged Lark" Chambers's Edinburgh Journal)

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**"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good;
and what doth the Lord require of thee,
but to do *justly*, and to love *mercy*,
and to walk *humbly* with thy God?"**
(Micah 6:8 King James Version)

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**There is no *justice* in sneaking around
in the woods, hiding in ambush,
and shooting unsuspecting creatures in the back;**



**there is no *mercy*
in killing those
who wish us no harm
because we enjoy
wearing their skin
and eating their flesh;
and we do not walk *humbly*
with our God
when we pervert
for our own selfish purposes
the stewardship with which
we have been entrusted.**

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**To be able to love a butterfly,
we must care for the caterpillars too.**
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**To all friends of animals,
and anyone who has ever cried over an animal:
If we combine all our tears, they will make a rainbow,
and that is our covenant with the animals.**
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P 3 "A SERIES: PLAYFUL PELICAN" (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*)

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FAR LEFT: "THE ENTERTAINING PELICAN"

2ND FROM LEFT: "PELICAN LAUGHING"

2ND FROM RIGHT: "HEH HEH—BUT THAT WAS NOTHING—NOW WATCH THIS!"

FAR RIGHT: "UH OH!.....HMMMMGPH!!!!"

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P 7 BUDGERIGAR (*Melopsittacus undulatus*)

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