

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.



Questions

1. What did the Owl and the Pussy-cat travel in? Tick one.

- a beautiful pea-green boat
- a lovely sea-blue bus
- a pretty rose-red car

2. How long did the Owl and the Pussy-cat sail for? Tick one.

- a day
- a week
- a year and a day

3. Draw a line to match the rhyming words. One has been done for you.

above	—	sing
nose		love
ring		grows

4. In the poem, the guitar is described as 'small'. Tick one word which means the same as 'small'.

- big
- little
- wide

5. Write in the missing words to complete the sentence.

There in a wood a _____ stood.

Bong-Tree	Piggy-wig	Pussy-cat
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