

**THE  
OWL AND THE  
PUSSY CAT**



**BY EDWARD LEAR**

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*With the original illustrations by the Author*

This is a recreation of 'The Owl and Pussycat' by Edward Lear.

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## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Edward Lear wrote the poem, *The Owl and the Pussy-Cat* for a three-year-old girl, Jane Symonds, the daughter of Lear's friend poet John Addington Symonds and his wife Catherine Symonds in 1855. It became popular with young children due to the characters, imagery, and a few nonsense words throughout.

This recreation includes Lear's original ink drawings, which look simple at first glance, but include details that can easily be missed. Lear earned a living as an "ornithological draughtsman" employed by the Zoological Society, and later by the Earl of Derby in 1854 to draw birds from his private menagerie. Lear's skill in drawing birds can be seen in the exquisite illustrations throughout this book.

Edward Lear's *The Owl and the Pussy-Cat* has been reproduced here in its entirety to be passed on to the next generation, along with a poem published posthumously about the offspring of this famous pair.

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## THE OWL AND THE PUSSY-CAT.



### I.

HE 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.

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*The Owl and the Pussy-Cat.*

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!"

End of Sample.