**[The Cat and the Sea](https://www.poeticous.com/r-s-thomas/the-cat-and-the-sea)**

***by R. S. Thomas (1913-2000)***

It is a matter of a black cat   
On a bare cliff top in March   
Whose eyes anticipate   
The gorse petals;

The formal equation of   
A domestic purr   
With the cold interiors   
Of the sea's mirror.