**[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.