

Tabbywocky

*For Evie, who taught English Lit,
and loved her cats, Thelma and Louise*

**'Twas brillig, in Queen Ebbie's lite lair,
Alle the knip was kneppen in the knichen.
Aslopin and aslephen the tabby pair
Thelma and Louise the tun hende tabbywocken.**

**Shloofen and ashivlen by the sitte
Sleven a timor cawrin furbish wee beastie
Scaren of the muche prin of the tabbywocken
Who leefly luffin maken mousie feastie.**

**The tocken clepin midnacht in the shleppe
Weeble crepper thryngen toa the kneppen knip,
A wee munchin while the tun prin tabbys neppe
And fliven fulle of foode to his holaven skippe**

**When suden claffen creshen tween tabbys sprynge
In claussen shoffen splap upon the poure pyned furbie.
Screeping claussing the wee beastie cowrie thinge
Until the leffen oone breken bon and splooshened flea.**

**And backke to flufn and purn the ladden pair
A hende feastie henten and velyfing jouse
Satented they shleppen gnacht in Ebbie's lair
The two tabbywocken myoweres that sleven the
mousse.**