

## Mr. Lear

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How pleasant to know Mr. Lear  
How pleasant to know at the end of the day he's near  
With a portfolio that daily features diverse creatures

You open the book and it's true  
The world is a lot more mysterious than we knew  
Round every corner unusual things are prone to wander

When I was a young man I was oft-times at the zoo  
To trace the visages and forms of parrots and cockatoos

It's over the hill now he goes  
Pausing a while with the Pobble who has no toes  
For your perusal, Victorian days are so unusual

Oh my aged Uncle Arly, sitting on a heap of barley  
On his nose his faithful cricket  
In his hat a railway ticket  
But his shoes were far too tight  
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In Egypt, the first day of spring  
You're painting a watercolor, hoping the light will bring  
Guided by pens and inks, the pyramids and palms and sphinx

When I was an old man, I had a cat named Foss  
Now he's gone I wander on  
With this unbearable sense of loss

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And if you should find him  
His world is dancing close behind him