A Crash Of Rhinoceros

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When Adam went out to name the animals He sat on a rock and he figured Horse and cow and goat and sheep Were the best names that he could deliver But Eve looked around at all of that glory Said Hon I think we should consider Something a bit more unique and refined For each and every critter

It's a crash of rhinoceros a pomp of Pekinese It's a gaggle of geese and a swarm of bees A parliament of owl and a gam of whale A pandemonium of parrot and a watch of nightingale A huddle of walrus, company of moles Exultation of lark and a murder of crow A simple flock sheep and a herd of deer Its a bask of crocodiles and a sleuth of bear

Adam looked shocked and scratched his head Eve stood there happy and beaming The animals gathered in close to their feet With roars of delight, barks and singing She's on a roll and just getting started The birds and beasts held their breath What fine appellation would they receive And which one of them would be the next?

It's a team of oxen and a mob of kangaroo It's a charm of flinch if there are more than two A troubling of goldfish, a cluster of cats A bloat of hippopotami, a cloud of bats Ostentation of peacock, a barren of mules An army of ant, nursery of raccoon A parcel of penguins, a dray of squirrels A bed of oyster with or without the pearls

All that naming lasted far into the night Until even the insects had groupings Eve was still bright eyed and willing to finish Though her shoulders and fig leaves were drooping Adam said, â??Darling I'm proud and amazed You're really one heck of a woman So let's go to sleep and tomorrow we'll rise And we'll start naming the rocks plants and woodlandsâ??

It's a tittering of magpie, company of mole
It's a pride of lions and a tribe of goats
A plague of locust and a pack of dogs
A leap of leopard, an array of hedgehog
It's a caravan of camels, a drift of swan
A sulk of foxes and the list goes on
It's a an prickle of porcupine, a battery of hens
A cohort of zebra and now once again

It's a colony of rabbits, and a sounder of boar An ambush of tigers, now just a little more It's a business of ferrets, a swarm of eels A covey of quail and a pod of seals

It's a parade of elephant, a dole of dove A bale of turtles and all of them I love And she kissed the horde of hamsters On their furry little heads, sighed with satisfaction And she went to bed