

About the author:

Edward Lear was born in London, England in 1812. He wrote *The Owl and the Pussycat* in 1871; and became known as a writer and artist. He is most famous for his limericks.

About the illustrator:

The Owl and the Pussycat

Written by Edward Lear

Illustrated by

The Owl and the Pussy-Cat
went to sea

In a beautiful pea-green boat.

They took some honey,
And plenty of money
Wrapped up in a five-pound
note.

The Owl looked up to the stars
above,
And sang to a small guitar,
"O lovely Pussy, O Pussy, my
love,
What a beautiful Pussy you are,
You are, You are!
What a beautiful Pussy you
are!"

Pussy said to the Owl,
"You elegant fowl,
How charmingly sweet you
sing!

Oh! let us be married;
too long we have tarried:
But what shall we do for a
ring?"

They sailed away, for a year
and a day,
To the land where the bong-tree
grows;
And there in a wood a Piggy-
wig stood,
With a ring at the end of his
nose,
His nose,
His nose,
With a ring at the end of his
nose.

"Dear Pig, are you willing to
sell for one shilling
Your ring?" Said the Piggy, "I
will."

So they took it away, and were
married next day
By the Turkey who lives on the
hill.

They dined on mince and slices
of quince,
Which they ate with a runcible
spoon;

And hand in hand on the edge
of the sand
They danced by the light of the
moon,
The moon,
The moon,
They danced by the light of the
moon.