

WHERE WOULD METAPHOR BE WITHOUT CATS?
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How else would you describe
a Cheshire sort of smile?
What best conveys those hazel eyes
that can and do beguile?
And what about the term for thieves
who climb to do their taking?
Likewise that special kind of sleep
you snatch right after waking.
A perfect means for telling
just how an Indian walks.
No other word but purring
suits how a sex pot talks.
An adjective for gossips
who hiss and claw their friends,
And don't forget coy women,
and those who copy trends:
A tribute to the human--
crass slander for the cat.
Not one deserves comparison
with conduct such as that.
It's safe to say that sometime
you'll let one out a bag,
As sure as one can get your tongue
and yours will make you brag.
When we apply felinity
our meanings crystalize:
Expression widens louvered eyes,
then stretches long and wise.