

Notes

¹ Daniel Dennett, *The Intentional Stance* (Cambridge: The MIT Press. 1987), p. 342.

² Stephen Stich, *From Folk Psychology To Cognitive Science: The Case Against Belief* (Cambridge: The MIT Press. 1983), p. 104.

³ Dennett, *op. cit.*, p. 109.

⁴ Stich, *op. cit.*, p. 106.

⁵ Tom Regan, *The Case For Animal Rights* (Berkeley: University of California Press. 1983), pp. 25-30.

⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 243.

⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 68.

⁸ *Ibid.*, pp. 58-59.

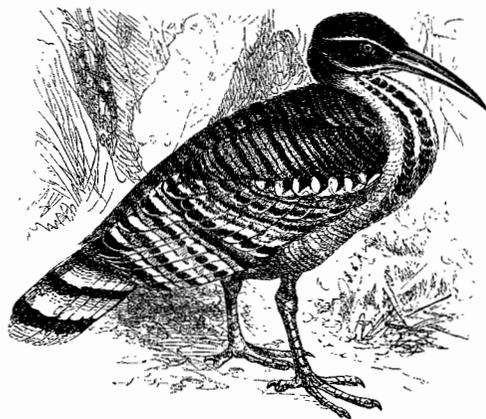
⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 50.

¹⁰ Stich, *op. cit.*, pp. 104-105.

¹¹ It is interesting to note, however, that although Regan shows these animals to have inherent value and awards them *rights* based on this inherent value, such rights get overridden in the event of a conflict with a human's rights.

¹² Gregory Sheridan, "Can There Be Moral Subjects in a Physicalistic Universe?," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 43 (1983): 447.

¹³ *Ibid.*, p. 446.



Looking for a Place to Die

He arrived one day
And claimed a corner of the yard.
The whirling dervish tomcat bully
Tried his usual tricks
But he just wearily hissed
And stayed
Curled up tight
On his bed of leaves
For over a day.

He walked right into my heart
This sad old battered old cat.
He had a certain dignity
Hissing while arching his chin
To be rubbed.
Wanting comfort
Yet not believing in it.

He wasn't pretty,
Aged and clumsy and tired
Big old jowls
And black and white splotched fur,
Which only once in a while
He washed after eating.
He took up residence in the old doghouse
Empty since my dog died
But full of warm clean straw.
I had to tempt him out to eat.

I knew what he wanted.
Once before I had found a cat
Looking for a place to die
And I had tempted her
To choose life.

And so, once again
I will weigh the balance
And for better or for worse
Persuade this old traveller
To live
And to find reason to live.

Mary de La Valette