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CATS AFTER LOVECRAFT**



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## The Field of Cats or Cats After Lovecraft

“Nature is full of such illusions to impress the imaginative.”

-- H.P. Lovecraft

The crossroads nearby  
are charcoal strings strewn  
around the Field of Cats.

Hiss, it is a crack in the blinds,  
to peer into somewhere.  
The mangy cats cry  
and scratch at our doors.  
Close the windows or be  
forced to hear  
feral praying to some  
mischievous cat god.

Hoot, beak, toes  
form *something*  
on the shingles  
of the roof.

Hooting  
might as well be  
a bright star  
sleeping beyond clouds.  
This pudgy dove chirps.  
In the sunlight,  
it's possible to glean  
that the eyes in

the overgrown meadow  
belong to the hungry  
cats.

No one complains about  
the Field of Cats.

Do we fear  
the same fate  
as the couple in Ulthar,  
that fabled  
Lovecraft  
village?