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# Disgraceful Graycie

-By Marguerite Edgar 

I have a very precise cat,  
As fickle as can be,  
And yet she loves me very much—  
Her name is Graycie Lee.

She'll weigh only about two pounds,  
And as light on her feet as a  
feather,  
Holding at bay four coyote hounds,  
In any kind of weather.

In all the feline kingdom round,  
She's easily boss, I'd say.  
She roams all night, comes in at morn  
Curls up and sleeps all day.

She's very particular on whom  
She bestows her care and  
affections  
No time she has for family ties—  
For against kittens, she has great  
objections.

By all means she is a flighty Miss.  
The only thing I can depend on  
If she gets back from her jaunts at  
night—  
She'll be at the door for milk in  
the morn. \*



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# Country Pleasures

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**I like to hunt for stolen nests  
In weathered barns, and gray—  
To climb among the bales stacked high  
And smell the fragrant hay.**

**Sometimes I find some little chicks  
So pert and beady eyed—  
Their mother calls for them to run  
Beneath her wings and hide.**

**In spring there are nests of kittens, too,  
So furry, soft, and warm.  
With blissful pride, the mother purrs  
And shields them from all harm.**

**Some harness, old and stiff with age,  
Is hung upon a wall,  
Covered with cobwebs, dust, and grime  
Above an empty stall.**

**On rainy days, up near the eaves,  
A pleasant place to be,  
I linger 'til the shower is over  
And duties beckon me.**

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