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cats

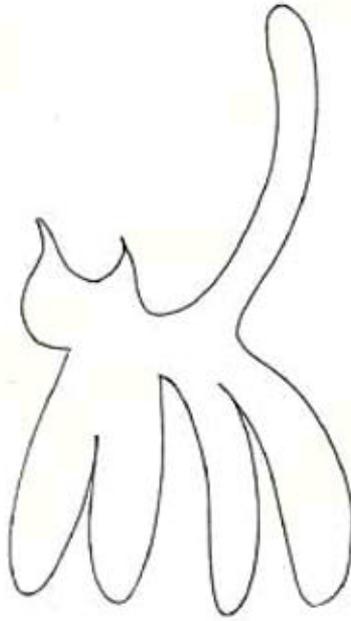
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# Cats

In my childhood black cats  
were a menace  
always crossing the street  
on my way to school  
No use trying to outrun them  
for the cat would see you  
and run faster  
faster  
Going around the block  
it was still uncertain  
if that cat  
hasn't been there already  
The school bell  
had long rung by then  
Coins

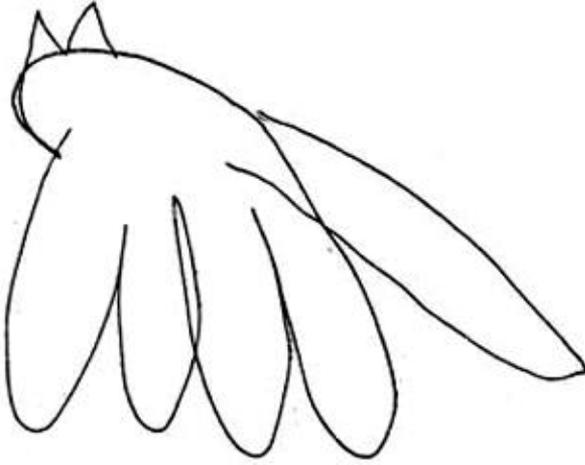
My coins and I we  
run around the corner  
where a begger sits  
There!  
I throw him one  
and now I am one coin  
short  
But in my hand  
I see five coins again  
A miracle!  
Or simply a mistake?



OMENS



I REMEMBER BELIEVING  
IN THIS  
AS WELL AS OTHERS  
THAT I NO LONGER REMEMBER



IN MY CHILDHOOD

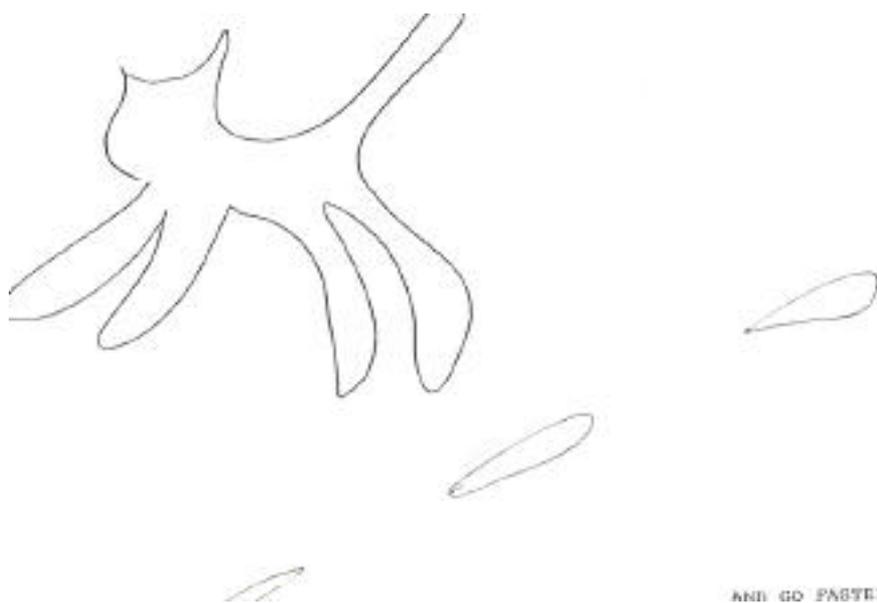
THE BLACK CATS WERE A MENACE



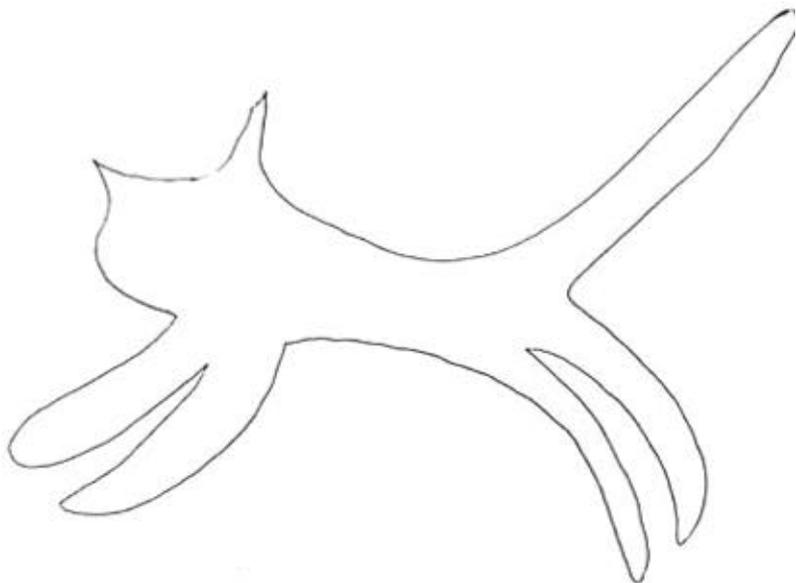
ALWAYS CROSSING STREETS ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL.



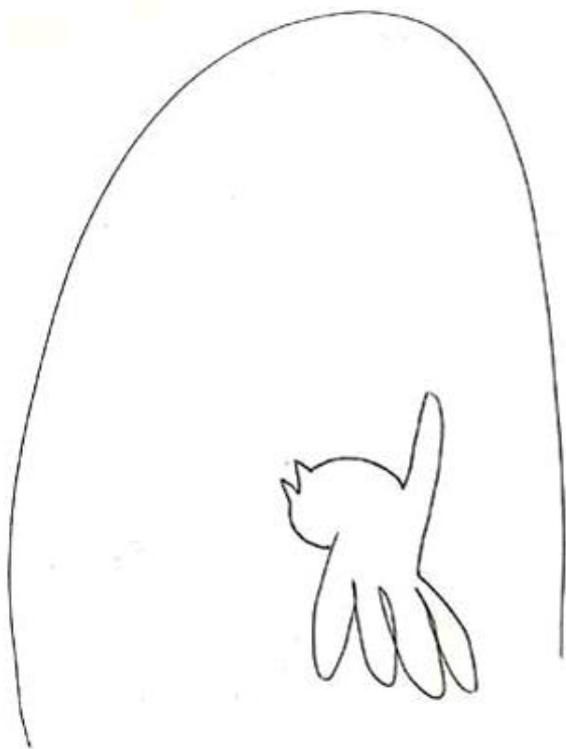
FOR THE CAT WOULD SEE YOU



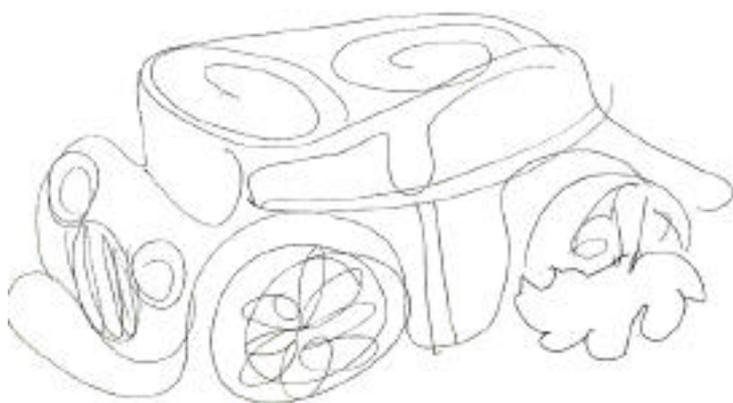
AND GO PASTE



FASTER



WALKING BACK AND AROUND THE BLOCK



IF THAT DAY HADN'T BEEN THEIR ALREADY

IF WE HELL INCURTAIN



AND THE SCHOOL HELL  
HAD LONG WING BY THEM



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