

Ogden Nash's Poetry

Nash-ing the Animals

Enjoy these seven animal poems by Ogden Nash:

The Dog

The truth I do not stretch or shove
When I state that the dog is full of love.
I've also found, by actual test,
A wet dog is the lovingest.

The Panther

The panther is like a leopard,
Except it hasn't been peppered.
Should you behold a panther crouch,
Prepare to say Ouch.
Better yet, if called by a panther,
Don't anther.

The Jellyfish

Who wants my jellyfish?
I'm not sellyfish!

The Cow

The cow is of bovine ilk;
One end is moo, the other is milk.

The Abominable Snowman

I've never see an abominable snowman,
I'm hoping not to see one,
I'm also hoping, if I do,
That it will be a wee one.

The Eel

I don't mind eels
Except as meals.
And the way they feels.

The Firefly

The firefly's flame
Is something for which science has no name
I can think of nothing eerier
Than flying around with an unidentified glow on a
person's posteerier.

Nash-inspired poems from two students' writer's notebooks:

Rhinoceros
by Joey, age 12

I don't know how to spell rhinoceros, but
I think I'll make a guessoros.

Mosquito
by Sammi, age 11

I have a pet mosquito
I think he's pretty neato,
but I wish he would get off of my delicious
bean burrito!