

## If You Only Walk Long Enough

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I tried to choke a Cheshire Cat  
And like a wooden paddle  
With a rubber ball  
On a rubber string  
Going click click click  
Played "capture the flag"

I huddled underneath  
A green black silvery bush  
Afraid of being seen and not loved  
While gazing at the moon's cat face  
It was white like the cat's moon blood

I dreamed in white and black  
Awakening to the shrill  
Of a mosquito buzzing round my ear  
I slapped him hard against my pillow  
His blood was red and we were one

Outside my window  
Rain soaked sticks were falling  
From green black shiny trees  
And as they hit the ground  
Going click click click  
I remembered

A dream in white and black  
Where rubber strings snapped  
And freed their rubber balls  
Who wisely listened to the wisdom  
Of a Cheshire Cat  
Then rolled their separate ways