A CHILDREN'S TREASURY OF VERSE



The Owl and the Pussy=Cat

THE Owl and the Pussy-Cat went to sea In a beautiful pea-green boat; They took some honey, and plenty of money Wrapped up in a five-pound note. The Owl looked up to the moon above, And sang to a small guitar:
"O lovely Pussy! O Pussy, my love! What a beautiful Pussy you are—You are,

What a beautiful Pussy you are!"

Pussy said to the Owl: "You elegant fowl!
How charmingly sweet you sing!
O let us be married—too long we have tarried—But what shall we do for a ring?"
They sailed away for a year and a day
To the land where the Bong-tree grows,
And there in a wood, a Piggy-wig stood
With a ring in the end of his nose—
His nose,

With a ring in the end of his nose.

"Dear Pig, are you willing to sell for one shilling Your ring?" Said the Piggy, "I will." So they took it away, and were married next day By the turkey who lives on the hill. They dined upon mince and slices of quince, Which they ate with a runcible spoon, And hand in hand on the edge of the sand They danced by the light of the moon—

The moon,

They danced by the light of the moon.

Edward Lear.