

## Wilderness House Literary Review 6/1

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### **Notes:**

People without eyes

socks

whiskey

coat & book

I wonder if Jesus was a jumper

would he have jumped

if he'd had the chance

Having cancer is hard

death is tragic

how am I going to know

what's on your mind if

I don't get hammered?

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### People Who Catch Cats

People who catch cats  
kill them  
and sell their pelts.  
What do we call beauty?  
who would buy a cat skin?  
knowing this  
I cannot buy fur ever again.  
I say a prayer to St Francis  
for the souls of all animals  
for all captured animals  
Protector of peace  
ease their pain (and our sin).

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### At the Museum

Italian 16th century painting:  
a woman running for her life  
is being attacked by dogs  
& a man on a horse,  
he in armor, going after her  
with a sword or a lance.  
This painting about love -  
the groom-to-be showing  
this horror  
to his bride-to-be:  
what will happen to her  
if she rejects him.