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## **It's My Life, but You're Welcome to Hang Around**

*Larry Turner*

You bring me food, clean my box, stroke my fur  
as well you should. You appear to recognize  
how it is between us. But sometimes  
you seem to want something more, some self-to-self  
relationship, almost as if you cannot see the obvious—  
You have no tail!

I wouldn't be so cruel as to mention it. I accept you  
as you are: your extraordinary lack of grace,  
your useless activity in this room or that,  
your running—as bells have trained you—  
to the front door and the telephone.  
(Oh yes, I notice these things,  
when I don't have anything better to do, like  
feeling sunlight caress my body or  
observing birds on the porch rail or  
watching a facet drip.) So please, let's just  
keep things as Nature intended. It's not your fault, but—  
You have no tail!