

ENTRE NOUS – G.C. Haddow

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I should not care to meet a shark,
Particularly after dark.
I must confess that I would shun
A viper or a scorpion
Owing, perhaps, to lack of culture
I can't appreciate the vulture;
Nor do I feel a pressing need
To make up to a centipede.
In short, though you may disagree,
To tell the truth it seems to me
That quite a number of God's creatures
Have very few redeeming features.