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# Snow Leopard

by Dorothy Quick

**O**UT of unending silences of snow  
Comes the snow leopard. Gleaming in  
his eyes

The vision generations can bestow  
To make their progeny alert and wise.  
His fur is pillow gentle and his feet  
Stealthily padded hold the hidden claws.  
His is a world where everything is meat  
For appetites prehensile. His no cause,  
Yet in him there is wisdom and a sense  
That makes his eyes more kindly than his  
might.

He is attuned to landscapes so immense  
That mortals must seem puny to his sight;  
Within him there is majesty and power,  
Courage to meet each fateful coming hour.



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