

## **Why do you ask**

The cat just finished their rounds as a Rufus to a college couple

They didn't have food but good scratches

nice under the chin folk

palms tree over students and cat alike

I think all the houses down MLK are for show so students feel like they live in an historic neighborhood

The ladies who get together on Sundays to share the Florida are a part of the aesthetic

Its nap time for the nocturnal

A shade in the shade of a wide Buick

The owner of the Buick rudely starts his car

The cat darts down the street like a dart like a car

Newly awakened, eyes full of day the cat answers the ticking of a tongue

Here, Kitty Kitty

Kitty Kitty looks first

You have to earn this

The man offers his hand like its giving

Come here, Kit

Kit pulls over to the curb in three step burst

offering her head against his leg

They love eathother for a time

Both unemployed furry creatures

Acquiring names on the go

On the go on the go

Always on the go

The man names his lover Luna

She walks away to find food

If you're finding food you're not eating

You have to know where food is

Food scurry's about everywhere if you don't mind eating that sort of thing

The good food is on Immanuel's porch

Every day he shuffles outside to feed a snowball, a fat tony, countless ants with names I can't begin to pronounce

And our cat lovingly named Sassy

The cat loved being called Sassy

He felt like a Sassy

Fluffy static-haired

All white but not a snowball

Not that pushed in face

But all about those endearing eyes

Those expressive eye brows saying

'Thank you Immanuel'

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