

## TOM RHINOCEROS

Be thick of hide and long of horn,  
Be brutality reborn  
And fend with horn's agility  
The trim sorority  
Of ladies with their ladies' minds.

The male is ugly, fierce and true:  
He pierces ladies through,  
But does it in a courtly way—  
No matter what they say  
He knows they hate their hornless rinds.

And yet there is another danger  
In playing this bluff ranger:  
Skin thickens and becomes the man  
Who made himself by plan—  
Stiff is the manhood he designs.