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## **The Cat and the Mouse**

Once there was an orange cat  
Who loved herself a mouse  
She kissed it and she snuggled it  
And carried it 'round the house.

She shared her lunch and breakfast too  
And shared all of her toys  
And held her little mouse if he  
Was frightened of a noise.

A safer and a happier mouse  
No one did ever see  
two opposites of nature  
Living in sweet harmony!

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the poem aloud. Answer the questions.

1. What is this poem about?
2. What does the line, "opposites of nature" refer to?
3. What does the line, "in sweet harmony" mean?
4. Which two lines rhyme in each stanza?
  - A. first and second
  - B. first and third
  - C. second and fourth

## **ANSWERS**

1. a cat and a mouse that are friends
2. normally cats eat mice
3. they get along well and complement each other
4. C