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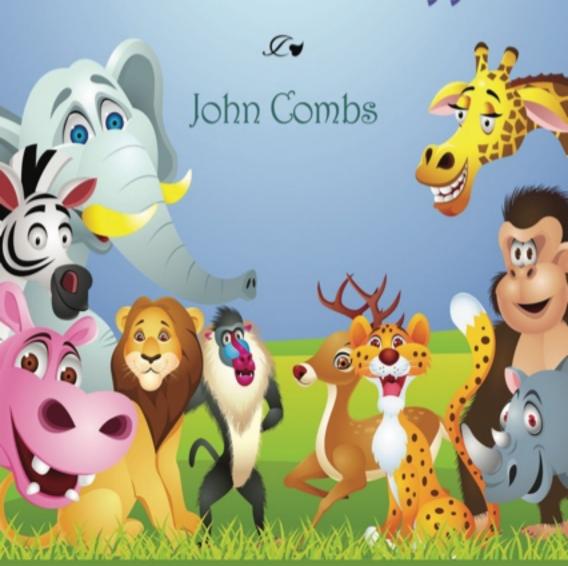
# ANIMAL LOVE AND OTHER STUFF

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#### I. ANIMAL LOVE

**Tygress** 

Tigress, Tigress,
Burning bright
in the forest
of my life,
I prize thy stripes
admire thy fire;
To thy love
I do aspire.

#### II. OTHER ANIMAL STUFF

Going to the Dogs

Dogs eat, dogs play Dogs lie around all day. I'm not a dog, as you can see, But I think I might like to be.

#### III. SOMEWHAT MORE SERIOUS STUFF

Love Lock

The lock of my heart wells For the barge of your love, Lifting you forever To the mainstream of my life.

(Written for Vicki on 10 May 1987 [our seventh anniversary] after breakfast overlooking the dam and lock at Hawesville)

### IV. SOMEWHAT LESS SERIOUS STUFF and A FEW OTHER INANITIES

(Note: This section is provided for readers with a warped sense of humor and an impaired esthetic sensibility)

#### Status of Trees and Plants

The pine is yearning The ash is burning The fir is matting The peach is ratting The pear is halving The cowslip is calving The maple has a map The apple has an app The crape myrtle has a crap The sassafras has an ass The tulips are kissing The sycamore is ailing The hickory is countrified The rose is rising The dogwood is barking The elm is steering (in England)

The bay tree is howling

The dove is cooing

The gums are chewing

The beech is sandy

The dandelion is dandy

The elderberry is looking for respect

#### V. ADIEU

#### Ninety Now

And now I have reached the far East of my life I do not know what remains of the rest of my life I wish I could return to the East of my life

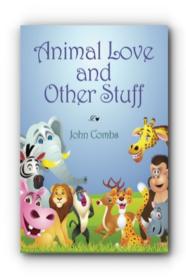
I loved my East: shinny-shin; Annie over; Cowboys and Indians; red rover, red rover; Ring around the posy; Let John come over.

Still close to my eastern start
I met a woman who stole my heart.
A dinner/dance, a blind date;
A few months later she became my mate.
And soon came children, all boys,
Who brought us both countless joys.

But west, west, inexorably west.

Near the middle of my life, I met and wed my second wife. Astraddle my Prime Meridian we stood With feet in two hemispheres; life was good. In my prime I defeated a malignant tumor With medics, mate's support, and humor. And life was good between East and West.

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