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THE SEVEN-LEAGUE CRUTCHES

It is evening. One bat dances
Alone, where there were swallows.
The waterlilies are shadowed
With cat tails, the cattails with willows.

The moon sets; after a little
The reeds sigh from the shore.
Then silence. There is a whisper.
"Then art here once more."

In the castle someone is singing.
"Then art warm and dry at the sun."

Books by Randall Jarrell

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LOSSES

BLOOD FOR A STRANGER

LITTLE FRIEND, LITTLE FRIEND

"You whisper, and laugh with joy.
"Yes, here is one,

Here is the other... Legs...
And they move so?"

"I stroke the scales of your head, and
"Yes, as you know." answer:

But you murmur, "How many years
Thou hast wandered there above!"

Many times I had thought thee lost
Forever, my poor love.

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