

Wombat

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affectionate references but slightly mocking

hypothetical scenario
threatening ominous tone

ie. can't see anything except blc of mist metaphor

ie. mother nature

be calm resuscitation
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continues reassurance by using collective terminology

Ha there! old pig, old bear, old bristly and gingery Wombat out of the red earth peering gingerly - sholy Was there some thud of foot in the mist and the silence - man or some other intrusion That stiffens whisker and ear in sound's fierce absence, ie. silence Some smell means man? - instinctive behaviour of Wombat - automatic reactions I see the dewdrop trembling upon the rushes, - bullrushes All else is the mist's now, river and rocks and ridges. Poor lump of movable clay, snuffling and blinking, Too thick in the head to know what thumps in your thinking, Rears in the rain - ie. can't see properly or think clearly Be easy, old tree-root's companion; down there where your burrow Dips in its yellow shadow, deep in the hollow, echoey hollow We have one mother, good brother, it is Her laughter That sends you now snorting and plunging like red flood-water To earth again.

red earth image repeated again

simile inevitable reaction - unstoppable by reason etc

pity because he is not agile, big & lumbering

ie. to be able to work out what makes the noise

thicker of the sound

sensual image combined with visual imagery of appearance, depth & colour

despite mockery it is good-natured blc of connection b/w man + animal world ie. oe mother reference.

deftly crafted

Distinctively visual

- offering the perspective / idea of Wombat as unthinking + unintelligent
- challenging reader to see symbiotic + mutually beneficial connection b/w man + nature by est. image of all creatures having 'oe nature'
- offers ^{incognitus} idea of Wombat as shy, furture etc combined w/ visual images of size, clumsiness etc