



Lola

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After telling another person
In their twenties
That vague abdominal pain
Was metastatic cancer
I turned to Craigslist's
Pet section

Iguana for pick up in Belltown
Three for one dwarf bunnies in Woodinville
I don't even like cats
But there were all three pounds of her
In a Simba pose

What a deal, really
An alarm clock, furniture rearranger
And serotonin modulator
In one long-haired, chirping
(*Are they supposed to chirp?*)
Package

Poet's Statement

This poem was inspired by the mixture of an off-service emergency medicine rotation my intern year, a string of night shifts, and the kitten adoption that resulted (and has lasted).

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