

Kitten Sun Tzu by Rennie St. James

Warning chatter falls on deaf ears
Teeth and claws elicit no fears
Butt wiggle has commenced
Eyes aglow, dilated and intense
A pounce perfectly executed
But the enemy remains muted
The mighty warrior celebrates
With a nap in a sunny space
The furry mouse lies quiet
Vanquished until the night

Night falls, humans sleep
The mighty warrior leaps
Prey hidden under a sheet
Flinch at first touch of his teeth
One tries to scurry away
But quick paws make it stay
Fearful yelps from the humans amuse
The mighty warrior accepts his due
He knows his tribute will be paid
A sacrifice to the food dish made

A red dot invades his space
Sporadic and cruel, it hides its face
The humans laugh in delight
He turns his back on the ghastly sight
Their pleas to face the plastic box denied
Tail twitches, it's a matter of pride
A strategic retreat must be made
He lies in wait until the sun does fade
Another green plant is shredded by his claws
The mighty warrior metes out judgment with an iron paw