**THE BAT, THE BIRDS AND THE BEASTS**

NARRATOR
The Birds, masters of the air, and the Beasts, rulers of the land,
were on the brink of a terrible war.

BIRDS
Squawk! Squawk!
Bow down you lowly Beasts, prowlers of the earth below!

BEASTS
Grrr! Grrr!
Don't set foot on our terrain you haughty high-fliers!

NARRATOR
Meanwhile, Bat swings like a pendulum in confusion over
which group should receive his allegiance.

BAT
*(Flitting back and forth chanting)*What to do, what to do?
Birds or Beasts
A choice of two.

BIRDS
Squawk! Squawk!
Don't be blind, Bat. You are a winged creature.
Can't you see you are one of us?

BAT
What to do, what to do?
I think I'm a Beast.
I'm different from you!

BEASTS
Grrr! Grrr!
Bite the bullet Bat. Get your teeth into our cause!
Can't you see you are one of us?

BAT
What to do, what to do?
I think I'm a Bird.
I'm different from you!

NARRATOR
During the early stages of the war, the Birds appear to have the advantage.

BAT
What to do, what to do?
You Birds look good
I'm with you!

NARRATOR
Soon the tide changes and the Beasts seem to be routing the Birds.

BAT
What to do, what to do?
You Beasts look good
I'm with you!

NARRATOR
Fortunately, the combatants see that war is futile
and make peace with one another.

BAT
Now I know what to do.
You Birds are great
I'm with you!

BIRDS
Squawk! Squawk!
Don't be batty, we don't need you!

NARRATOR
The Birds all fly away, squawking mockingly.

BAT
*(Undeterred)*Now I know what to do.
You Beasts are my friends
I'm with you!

BEASTS
*(Angrily)*Grrr! Grrr!
Go away, Bat the betrayer, we don't need you!

NARRATOR
The outraged Beasts banish Bat from their territory.

BAT
What did I do, what did I do?
I should have decided
Between the two!

NARRATOR
The moral of the story: He that is neither one thing nor the other has no friends.