

# Camerawocky

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Lewis Carroll was an amateur photographer as well as the author of *Alice in Wonderland*. Since Carroll himself made parodies, John R. Whiting has turned the tables and written a parody of the famous Jaberwocky.

'Twas gamma, and the hypo part  
Did fix and harden in the trays;  
All Steichen was the Modern Art,  
And the finegrain out-grays.

“Beware the Camerawock, my son!  
The Minny Blur, the focus trick!  
Beware the contact bird, and shun  
The red-green stirring-stick!”

He took his flashgun sword in hand:  
Long time the picture tale he sought,—  
So rested he by the tripod tree,  
And shuttered, which he ought.

And as in panchromat he stood,  
The Brodovitch, with focus fuzz,  
Came reflex through the ballet wood  
And Weegee'd as he does!

Life, Look! Life, Look! And Argoflex  
His tripod blade went clicker-clack!  
He left it red, and pictures bled  
And went a-Pixing back.

“And has thou Karshed the Graphic House  
Come to my arms, my Kodak boy!  
Oh, Eugene Smith, Oh Feininger!”  
He Black-Starred in his joy.

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