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Has anyone told you about transmigration? We read something of it in Faerie-Queene, How dead folk return to their former location As animals whose imitation they've been.

When we have to part from our present existence, We may change to forms we resemble while here, Some hobbies we've ridden with human persistence, May then represent us in characters queer.

We glance through that future: A rodent (well scented)
Is stacking up weeds near a cold marshy isle;
That strange human class is by him represented,
Whose sole occupation is making a pile."

Down a turbulent river, mid wild desolation, A tired beaver follows a log till it jams; He still has to keep to his former location The slinging of mud and the free use of dams

In a wallow (alone for he lets no one share it)

Lies a mud covered beast, a fit subject for mirth;

If it would but stick on and his body could bear it,

He'd gladly walk off with the whole of the earth.

Through towns where the churches outnumber the dwellings Roam flesh-eating prowlers with coverings of wool; Dissentions, back-bittings, loud howlings and yellings Shottings their life is of misery full.

A poor beast of burden through Canada thistles Goes wearily swaying his long drooping ears: From blows and ill treatment his hair fairly bristles, Tho' this was his land and he tilled it for years.

But why further look? It is only a fable,
Whose moral we all should keep strictly in view;
Then follow this precept as well as you're able
"Beware of the animal copied by you."

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