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For the animals every day is Treblinka,  
And that includes the *Homo Erectus*;  
We no longer say *Sapiens*.  
We had no choice;  
Our world was too small;  
Our first ships brought ambassadors of friendship.  
They were killed and dissected.  
Then our secret studies showed  
That these animals were untrainable:  
Too aggressive, too stupid, too selfish.  
What else could we do but eat them,  
And thus save the universe.  
That last was a jest -  
You see, we are civilised with a sophisticated humour;  
And that was the meat of it -  
The marrow in the long bones was irresistible.  
We tried conservation, humane breeding,  
But they would not reproduce in the factory farms.  
Now the numbers are below sustainable limits.  
At least we still have the intelligent whales  
With their beautiful songs and thoughts in the waters,  
Their music, their ancient sagas of sorrow.  
Their flesh is, however, not so succulent,  
And it is bad for our circulatory system.  
By the way, any concern about Human CJD  
Infecting us is just nonsensical;  
After all, you will have seen the Commissar  
Feeding his daughter a human-burger.

## Footnote

The Channel 4 television programme, *The Roswell Incident*, first broadcast in 1995, describes the crash landing of an alien spacecraft in the desert of New Mexico, near the Roswell airforce base in July 1947. Eye witnesses claim to have seen the wreckage of such a craft, together with living but injured aliens, and stated that the wreckage and a number of corpses were stored in hanger 84 (hence the title) at the base. The television programme showed a post-mortem examination

being carried out on one of the corpses. The question of the relationship between humans and intelligent aliens is one which may have to be faced sooner rather than later, and perhaps it is now time seriously to consider the ethics of the relationships between all life-forms.

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