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We alternate between prose and poetry, and neither one, for quite different reasons, is a sufficient and proper experience. But I suggest, in parenthesis, that we can support life if we must on this dualistic diet. It is not necessary to be panicky about it. It may be that we wrench ourselves with some violence from prose to poetry, and then slip back into prose, both modes being less than satisfactory, yet both when put together managing to involve all our powers.

—John Crowe Ransom, "The Tense of Poetry"

You whites will not eat crocodiles or apes, although they taste very well. If you did not have so many pigs and crabs you would eat crocodiles and apes, for hunger hurts. It is all a matter of habit. When I have killed an enemy it is better to eat him than to let him go to waste.... I know of no game that tastes better than men. You whites are really too dainty.

—Miranhan Chieftain

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