

The A and the Z

This poem reflects the wonderful biodiversity of God's world. It could be read dramatically, with a narrator taking the Bible verses, and two or more people antiphonally reading the examples.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good¹:

Ants and anteaters
Bees and bee orchids
Cows and cowslips
Dogs and dogwoods
Elephants and elephant-shrews
Fires and fireflies
Gold and goldfinches

All things were created by Jesus and for Jesus. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together²:

Hares and harebells
Ibises and ibisbills
Kangaroos and kangaroo rats
Lobsters and lobster moths
Mistletoe and mistle thrushes
Nuts and nuthatches
Oaks and oak beauties

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"³:

Parrots and parrot fish
Rainbows and rainbow trout
Sun and sundews, sea and seahorses, stars and starfish...
Toads and toadstools
Willows and willow warblers
You and yew trees
Zebras and zebra finches.

The Lamb says, "I am the A and the Z, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End"⁴.

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¹ Genesis 1:31

² Colossians 1:16-17

³ Revelation 21:5

⁴ Revelation 22:13

