Animal Prayer

Lord, I ask that Thou giveth me:

the strength of the elephant and the lightness of a butterfly
the patience of a snail and the speed of a jaguar
the playfulness of a monkey and the stubborn faithful plodding
of an ass

the eyes of an eagle and the discernment of a bat
the roar of a lion and the song of a lark
the reach of a giraffe and the tenacity of a badger
the toughness of a turtle and the tenderness of a lamb
the stillness of a possum and ingenuity of the beaver
the loyalty of a retriever and the humility of the worm.