

I Hear

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I sit here and count your gentle purr.
An abbreviated meow I understand now.
I reach down to greet your one-inch cheek.
You have a way to say we're here.
I'll find a way to say I hear.

I look to eye your side-on wide eye.
With beaky peck and chirpy chuckle,
There's more to you than battery struggle.
You have a way to say we're here.
I'll find a way to say I hear.

I lie on the carpet next to you.
A cue to start your cotton shirt nibble.
What happy interminable caninal foible?
You have a way to say we're here.
I'll find a way to say I hear.

You come on by to say goodnight—a nighty hug.
And in this moment of together,
Your words and visage make forever.
You have a way to say we're here.
I'll find a way to say I hear.

In memory of Lenny and Dixie. We miss you.

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