



20 Morella front door

I am Marmalade  
neutered male  
I catch rats

rats live in the banana palm and the plumbago hedge  
last night I caught a rat I ate the flesh

I dragged the entrails to the black machine in the front room  
it rings at sunrise five mornings out of seven and  
the Man comes out to stop it ringing  
I left them on the handle

this morning the Man comes out and picks up the handle  
he drops the handle  
and prays to his god

"Jesus Christ!"