

## Man Gave Names to All the Animals

Bob Dylan

Man gave names to all the animals  
In the beginning, in the beginning  
Man gave names to all the animals  
In the beginning, long time ago

He saw an animal that liked to growl  
Big furry paws and he liked to howl  
Great big furry back and furry hair  
Ah, think I'll call it a bear

He saw an animal up on a hill  
Chewing up so much grass until it was filled  
He saw milk coming out but he didn't know how  
Ah, think I'll call it a cow

He saw an animal that liked to snort  
Horns on his head and they weren't too short  
It looked like there wasn't nothing that he couldn't pull  
Oh, I'll think I'll call it a bull

He saw an animal leaving a muddy trail  
Real dirty face and a curly tail  
He wasn't too small and he wasn't too big  
Ah, think I'll call him a pig

Next animal that he did meet  
Had wool on his back and hooves on his feet  
Eating grass on a mountainside so steep  
Oh, think I'll call it a sheep

He saw an animal as smooth as glass  
Slithering his way through the grass  
He saw him disappear by a tree near a lake

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## Love Your Animal



Our prayer is characterized by silence ~

*Be still and know that I am God!*

In that silence we listen for a new word.  
God is present in all our lives.  
God cares for us, and  
our life experiences are a source  
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence  
we share from our hearts.

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## To Ponder: S'aanii Dahataal

### The Women Are Singing One Dog Story

“They say that Navajos shouldn’t buy or sell dogs because they are considered family members. This means, too, that dogs are expected to be responsible and to possess some degree of intelligence. At times, my father owned dogs who understood only Navajo and would extend their right paw when someone said “Ya’at’eeh” to them. We told my father that, rather than dog obedience school, his dogs would have to enroll in bilingual education classes so they could learn English, too. Sometimes people criticize pets saying, “I don’t know what’s wrong with that dog. He has no respect! Doesn’t even listen! Just runs into the house all the time!” Likewise, a well-behaved dog earns affection and respect quickly. Generally, dogs are valued as shepherders, watch dogs, and playmates for the children.”

(Ya’at’eeh = It is good)

#### Reminders:

Come on time or **better yet, COME EARLY**  
Honor the silence  
Share briefly from personal experience  
Listen to each other  
Discussion (cross talk) is for after the hour of prayer

## Reading: Ada Limon

### A Name

When Eve walked among  
the animals and named them—  
nightingale, red-shouldered hawk,  
fiddler crab, fallow deer—  
I wonder if she ever wanted  
them to speak back, looked into  
their wide wonderful eyes and  
whispered, Name me, name me.

Sharing...

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...