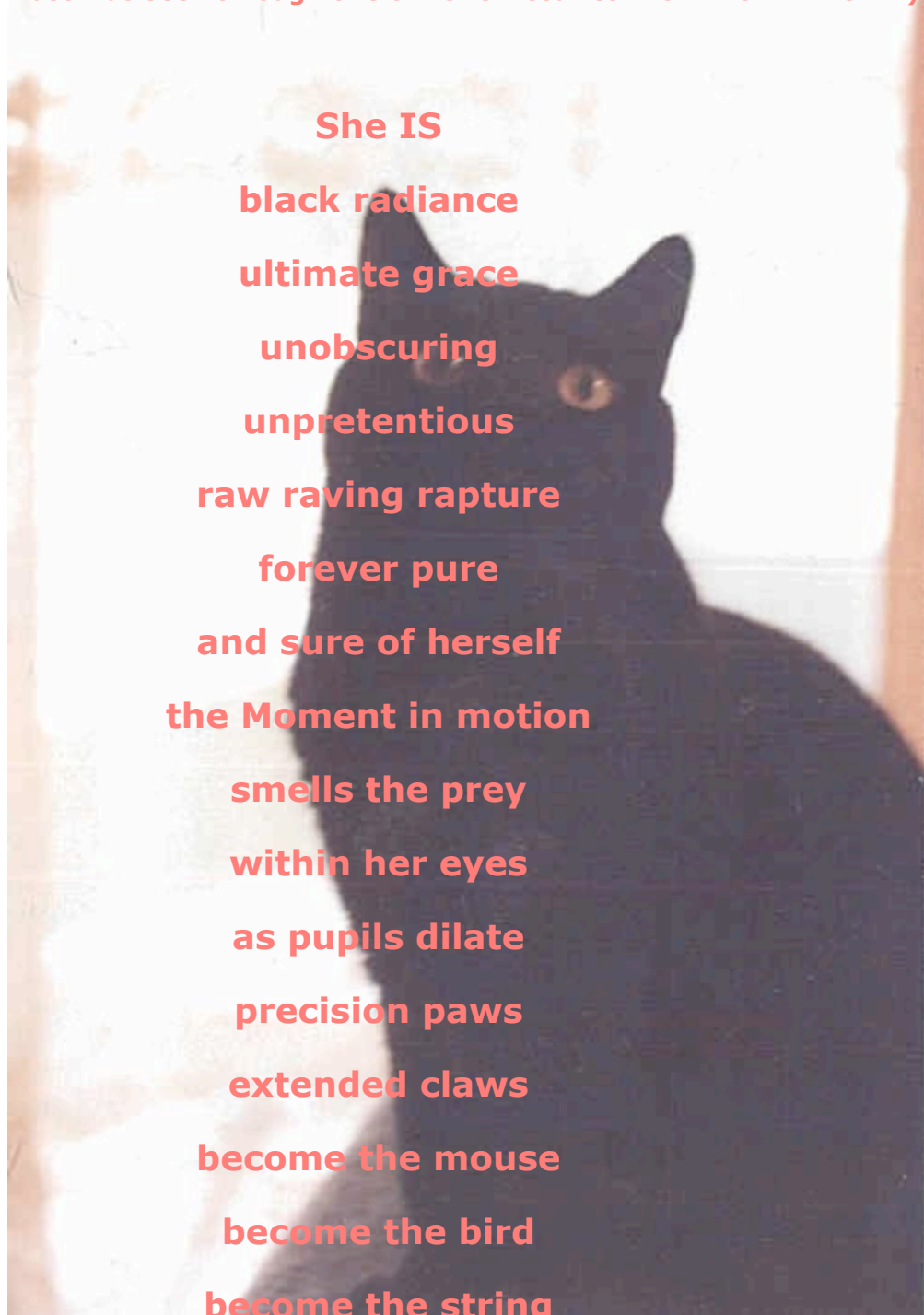


# stalk and pounce

(A tribute to Bast – as seen through one of her emissaries with whom I live . . .)



**She IS**  
**black radiance**  
**ultimate grace**  
**unobscuring**  
**unpretentious**  
**raw raving rapture**  
**forever pure**  
**and sure of herself**  
**the Moment in motion**  
**smells the prey**  
**within her eyes**  
**as pupils dilate**  
**precision paws**  
**extended claws**  
**become the mouse**  
**become the bird**  
**become the string**  
**she's everything**

**and everywhere she wants  
to be  
sharp  
freeing blood  
living love  
because it's fun  
to stalk . . .  
and pounce.**

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**If you're interested in the Egyptian Cat Goddess Bast, here are some links to start with:**

<http://wuzzle.org/cave/catlore1.html>

<http://paganwiccan.about.com/od/egyptianpanth/p/bast.htm>

<http://www.angelfire.com/empire2/egyptianconnection/Gods/Bast.html>