A Warning About Bears

A Poem by John Ciardi

Some bears are **fierce**, and most grow fiercer

When any one bites off their ears, sir.

With bears it’s best to be polite.

And a bit distant—that’s all right.

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More About Bears

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Few bears (I rather hope) are near sir.

From what I know of bears, they are

Better few and better far.

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Still More About Bears

Draw a fierce bear

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The fiercest bear of all is very

(A good thing, too) **imaginary**.

I say “a good thing” for my dear,

If he were real, he might be here.

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 I meet few bears and few meet me.

 But still it’s my **belief**

 That, meeting bears, the thing to be

 Is—brief