**Unit 2**

**John Ciardi**

***A Warning About Bears***

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.

But, please, when meeting bears, don’t bite.

**John Ciardi**

***More About Bears***

Some bears are fierce, and some are fiercer.

Few bears (I rather hope) are near, sir.

From what I know of bears, they are

Better few and better far.

**John Ciardi**

***Still More About Bears***

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.

**John Ciardi**

***Last Word About Bears***

I meet few bears and few meet me.

But still it’s my belief

That, meeting bears, the thing to be

Is – brief.