

TWENTIETH CENTURY ART MUSIC

LIGHT

TC-LT1 United Kingdom 1994
**OF ANIMALS AND INSECTS –
THE BAT**

20th Century – Light – Choral – Vocal & Instrumental

Comp: Stephen SHEWAN

Poet: Ogden Nash

Perf: ROBERTS WESLEYAN COLLEGE
CHORALE & WIND ENSEMBLE

Cond: Robert SHEWAN

Prod: John Gladney Proffitt

Prod. Co: Albany Records; Albany, NY

Liner Notes: John Proffitt

Time: 1:14

CD: MUSIC OF STEPHEN SHEWAN
Albany TROY 149 (Tk 14)

Notes: Some passages here sound more like musical comedy than contemporary art music but most of Shewan's other compositions on this album come under the latter category.

This is one stanza is from Ogden Nash's poem entitled, *The Bat* –

Myself , I rather like the bat;
it's not the mouse, it's not the rat.
It has no feathers, yet has wings;
it's quite inaudible when it sings.
It zigzags through the evening air,
and never lands in ladies' hair.
A fact of which men spend their lives,
attempting to convince their wives.

The mix of voices and wind instruments is so poor that often one cannot make out the lyrics without help from the transcription in the liner notes.

Ref: Ogden Nash, *The Bat*, *Bat Lit 2*, Bedfordshire Bat Group, bedsbatgroup.org.uk

Steven Shewan, Biography, jubal-press

Steven Shewan, Music of Steven Shewan CD, Allmusic (◀AUDIO SAMPLE)

Steven Shewan, Music of Steven Shewan CD, CDUniverse (◀AUDIO SAMPLE)



TC-LT4 Germany 1994
BATS IN THE BELFRY

Light – Ragtime – Instrumental

Comp: Austin CROOM-JOHNSON & Billy MAYERL

Arr: George Windeatt

Rts: EMI Music Ltd.

Billy MAYERL



Perf: Andrew **BALL** (piano)

Orch: Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra, Bratislava

Cond: Gary Carpenter

Prod: Murray Khouri

Prod. Co: HNH International Ltd.

Liner Notes: Philip Lane

Time: 2:47

CD: BRITISH LIGHT MUSIC – BILLY MAYERL (1994)

Marco Polo 8.223514 (Tk 14)

Notes: A full symphony orchestral treatment of Mayerl and Croom-Johnson's ragtime piano composition.

For more information about the original recording of this piece see under

Jazz Music – Ragtime – *Bats in the Belfry*.

Ref: Andrew Ball, Bio, Royal College of Music, rcm.ac.uk

Billy Mayerl, Bio, Wikipedia

Gary Carpenter, Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra, British Light Music CD, [Allmusic](#)

Gary Carpenter, Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra, British Light Music CD, [CDUniverse](#) (◀AUDIO SAMPLE)



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