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Bats (excerpt) by D. H. Lawrence

Bats, and an uneasy creeping in one's scalp
As the bats swoop overhead!
Flying madly.

Look up, and you see things flying
With serrated (*jagged*) wings against the sky.

Little lumps that fly in air.
Wings like bits of umbrella.
Bats!

Creatures that hang themselves up like an old rag to sleep,
And disgustingly upside down.

Hanging upside down like rows of disgusting old rags,
And grinning in their sleep.
Bats!

In China, the bat is a symbol for happiness.
Not for me!

1. D.H. Lawrence was a famous writer and poet. What seems to be his opinion of bats?

What words does he use to describe bats' appearance and behavior so that you know exactly how he feels about them?

2. How about you—what do you think of bats? Are they creepy or cute? Harmful or helpful? Awful or Awesome? Explain.

