

## Martin Robertson

### Bat

Honour's due to the bat.  
Before the hang-glider  
(daring it earlier and much more skilfully)  
here's one mammal that  
took off into the air,  
taught itself to fly,  
fly properly like a bird.

Twittering light-scared thing,  
blind but unfalteringly  
aware of its black way,  
out from its hide-out, in,  
giving obstacles space,  
sensitive certainty.  
Honour this radar, this  
contrived effective wing.