

because the last of the unwanted
newborn kittens
did not die
when they tried
several excitedly confusing times
to drown
the litter one at a time
in the toilet
in the guest room
they named it
bonus.
it never walked
quite right for a cat
and occasionally
they were amused by the way
it fell over when it was eating
out of its bowl by the refrigerator.

one day when no one was
expecting it
bonus began to meow.
everyone felt
something.

bonus.
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