Is There Nothing to Be Said About Cicadas That is Kind?

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Look at those cicadas! Have you ever seen so many?
Is there one good thing to say about them? I can't think of any.
Even entomologists may be of this persuasion:
When cicadas start to hatch, it's like an alien invasion.

Is there nothing to be said about cicadas that is good?
Excuse me? What's that sound? A million chainsaws cutting wood?
Unlike a bee, unlike a bird, they do not hum or tweet.
Cicadas' song is NOISY and the opposite of sweet.

Is there nothing to be said about cicadas that is kind?
These bug-eyed little insects aren't the cutest that you'll find.
Look! Their molted skins stay stuck to windows, walls and trees.
A million exoskeletons— a gruesome sight to see.

Contemplate my question. Think it over once or twice:
Can anything be said about cicadas that is nice?
It's only my opinion that cicadas' flaws are many.
Some say they are a "super food." But I'm not eating any.

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