

Andrew Lloyd Webber "Mungo Jerrie And Rumpelsteazer"

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Mungojerrie and Rumpelsteazer were a notorious couple
of cats

As knockabout clowns, quick - change comedians

Tight - rope walkers and acrobats

They had an extensive reputation, made their home in
Victoria Grove

That was merely their center of operation for they were
incurably given to rove

If the area window was found ajar and the basement
looked like a field of war

If a tile or two came loose on the roof which presently
ceased to be waterproof

If the drawers were pulled out from the bedroom
chests

And you couldn't find one of your winter vests

Or after supper one of the girls suddenly missed her
Woolworth pearls

Then the family would say, "It's that horrible cat!

It was Mungojerrie or Rumpelsteazer!"

And most of the time they left it at that

Mungojerrie and Rumpelsteazer had an unusual gift of
the gab

They were highly efficient cat burglars as well and
remarkably smart at a smash and grab

They made their home in Victoria Grove, they had no
regular occupation

They were plausible fellows who liked to engage a
friendly policeman in conversation

When the family assembled for Sunday dinner

Their minds made up that they wouldn't get thinner on
Argentine joint, potatoes and greens

Then the cook would appear from behind the scenes

And say in a voice that was broken with sorrow

"I'm afraid you must wait and have dinner tomorrow

The joint has gone from the oven like that!"

Then the family would say, "It's that horrible cat!
It was Mungojerrie or Rumpelteazer!"
And most of the time they left it at that

Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer had a wonderful way of
working together
And some of the time you would say it was luck and
some of the time you would say it was weather
They'd go through the house like a hurricane and no
sober person could take his oath
Was it Mungojerrie or Rumpelteazer? Or could you have
sworn that it might have been both?
When you heard a dining room smash or up from the
pantry there came a loud crash
Or down from the library came a loud ping
From a vase which was commonly said to be Ming
Then the family would say: "Now which was which cat?
It was Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer and there's
nothing at all to be done about that"

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