

## CATS

# "Prologue: Jellicle Songs for Jellicle Cats"

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Are you blind when you're born? Can you see in the dark?

Can you look at a king? Would you sit on his throne?

Can you say your bite that it's worse than your bark?

Are you cock of the walk when you're walking alone?

Because Jellicles are and Jellicles do

Jellicles do and Jellicles would

Jellicles would and Jellicles can

Jellicles can and Jellicles do

When you fall on your head, do you land on your feet?

Are you tense when you sense there's a storm in the air?

Can you find your way blind when you're lost in the street?

Do you know how to go to the Heaviside layer?

Because Jellicles can and Jellicles do

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Can you ride on a broomstick to places far distant?

Familiar with candle, with book, and with bell?

Were you Whittington's friend? The Pied Piper's assistant?

Have you been an alumnus of Heaven and Hell?

Are you mean like a minx? Are you lean like a lynx?

Are you keen to be seen when you're smelling a rat?

Were you there when the pharaohs commissioned the sphinx?

If you were and you are, you're a Jellicle cat

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We can dive through the air, like a flying trapeze  
We can turn double somersaults, bounce on a tire  
We can run up a wall, we can swing through the trees  
We can balance on bars, we can walk on a wire

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Can you sing at the same time in more than one key?  
Duets by Rossini and waltzes by Strauss?  
And can you, as cats do begin with a 'C'?  
That always triumphantly brings down the house?

Jellicle cats are queen of the nights  
Singing at astronomical heights  
Handling pieces from the 'Messiah'  
Hallelujah, angelical choir

The mystical divinity of unashamed felinity  
'Round the cathedral rang 'Vivat'  
Life to the everlasting cat  
Feline, fearless, faithful and true to others who do what

Jellicles do and Jellicles can  
Jellicles can and Jellicles do  
Jellicle cats sing Jellicle chants  
Jellicles old and Jellicles new  
Jellicle song and Jellicle dance

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Practical cats, dramatical cats  
Pragmatical cats, fanatical cats  
Oratorical cats, delphic-oracle cats  
Skeptical cats, dyspeptical cats

Romantical cats, pedantical cats  
Critical cats, parasitical cats  
Allegorical cats, metaphorical cats  
Statistical cats and mystical cats

Political cats, hypocritical cats  
Clerical cats, hysterical cats  
Cynical cats, rabbinical cats

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