

## CATS

# "The Ad-dressing Of Cats"

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You've heard of several kinds of cat  
And my opinion now is that  
You should need no interpreter  
To understand our character

You've learned enough to take the view  
That cats are very much like you  
You've seen us both at work and games  
And learnt about our proper names  
Our habits and our habitat  
But how would you ad-dress a cat

So first, your memory I'll jog  
And say, "A cat is not a dog"  
So first, your memory I'll jog  
And say, "A cat is not a dog"

With cats, some say, "One rule is true  
Don't speak 'til you are spoken to"  
Myself I do not hold with that  
I say, "You should ad-dress a cat  
But always bear in mind that he resents familiarity"  
You bow and taking off your hat  
Ad-dress him in this form, "O Cat"

Before a cat will condescend  
To treat you as a trusted friend  
Some little token of esteem  
Is needed like a dish of cream

And you might now and then supply  
Some Caviar or Strauss burg pie  
Some potted grouse or salmon paste  
He's sure to have his personal taste  
And so in time you reach your aim  
And call him by his name

A cat's entitled to expect  
These evidences of respect  
So this is this and that is that  
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