

## CATS

# "The Naming Of Cats"

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They are proud, however, and they explain to their  
human visitors  
who they are and reveal that cats have three different  
names:  
the one the family uses daily, the more dignified name  
and a secret  
name. It is the cat's contemplation of the latter that  
keeps felines  
in deep thought.

ALL (Whispering):

The naming of cats is a difficult matter  
It isn't just one of your holiday games  
You may think at first I'm mad as a hatter  
When I tell you a cat must have three different names

First of all, there's the name that the family use daily  
Such as Peter, Augustus, Alonzo or James  
Such as Victor or Jonathan, George or Bill Bailey  
All of them are sensible, everyday names

But I tell you a cat needs a name that's particular  
A name that's peculiar and more dignified  
Else how can he keep up his tail perpendicular?  
Or spread out his whiskers or cherish his pride?

Of names of this kind, I can give you a quorum  
Such as Munkustrap, Quaxo or Coricopat  
Such as Bombalurina, or else Jellylorum  
Names that never belong to more than one cat

But above and beyond there's still one name left over  
And that is the name that you will never guess  
The name that no human research can discover  
But the cat himself knows and will never confess

When you notice a cat in profound meditation  
The reason, I tell you, is always the same  
His mind is engaged in rapt contemplation  
Of the thought, of the thought, of the thought of his  
name

His ineffable, effable, effanineffable  
Deep and inscrutable singular name  
Name, name, name, name, name, name

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