

# The Mysterious Cat

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Score

**Allegro**

The score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of several systems of staves. The first system shows a piano introduction with dynamics *mf* and *fp*. The second system introduces the vocal line with lyrics "1. I saw a proud mys" and a piano accompaniment. The third system continues the piano accompaniment with dynamics *mf* and *mp*. The fourth system, starting at measure 7, features a vocal line with lyrics "spoken p ter-i-ous cat. cat cat cat cat cat, to proud to chase a mouse or a rat" and a piano accompaniment with dynamics *fp*, *pp*, and *mp*. The fifth system continues the vocal line with lyrics "1. I saw a proud mys-ter-i-ous cat" and piano accompaniment with dynamics *mf* and *f*. The sixth system concludes the piece with piano accompaniment, including the instruction *legato* and *staccato sempre*.

**Allegro**

*mf* *fp* *fp*

*mf* **A**

1. I saw a proud mys

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*mf*

*mp*

7

*fp* *pp* *mp*

spoken *p*

ter-i-ous cat. cat cat cat cat cat, to proud to chase a mouse or a rat

spoken *p*

ter-i-ous cat. cat cat cat cat cat, to proud to chase a mouse or a rat

*mf* *f*

1. I saw a proud mys-ter-i-ous cat a

*mf* *f*

1. I saw a proud mys-ter-i-ous cat a

*legato*

*staccato sempre* *mf*

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roll 'r'

rat cat cat

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rat cat cat

poor proud mys - ter - i - ous\_

poor proud mys - ter - i - ous\_

wee - re - ous\_ se - ri - ous

mys - ter - i - ous\_ queer - i - ous se - ri - ous

queer - i - ous se - ri - ous

se - ri - ous

se - ri - ous

17

cat. cat cat sh me ow

cat. cat cat sh me ow

cat. me ow sh mew

cat. me ow sh mew

24 Solo

*f* *sfz* *ff* *mp*

*p* mew *f* *roll r's*  
2.purrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr

*p* mew *f* 2. But cat nipshe would eat and purr

*f* 2. But cat nip she would

*mf* *f* *mf pesante*

30

*mf*

and gold fish she did much pre - fer

eat and purr A poor proud mys

*roll r's*  
2.purrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr A poor proud mys

*mf*

36

wea - ri - ous\_ se - ri - ous cat. cat cat sh\_

my - ste - ri - ous\_ queer - i - ous se - ri - ous cat. cat cat sh\_

ste - ri - ous\_ queer - i - ous se - ri - ous cat.

ste - ri - ous\_ se - ri - ous se - ri - ous cat.

41

Solo

me ow mew

me ow mew

me ow sh\_ mew

me ow sh\_ mew

48

*sfz* *fl* *ff* *mp*

I saw a cat 'twas but a dream who scorned the slave that

I saw a cat 'twas but a dream who scorned the slave that

I saw a cat 'twas but a dream who

I saw a cat 'twas but a dream who

*f* *p*

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*mf*

brought her cream

brought her cream *mf* mys - ter - i - ous

scorned the slave that brought her cream that poor proud mys - ter - i - ous

scorned the slave that brought her cream that poor proud mys - ter - i - ous se - ri - ous

58

**D**

*fp* *p*

*f* *ffp* *ppp* *f*

**D**

*f* *ffp* *ppp* *fp*

*f* *ffp* *ppp* *mp* *fp*

*ffp* *ppp* *mp* *fp*

*ff* *pp* *pp* *mp* *f*

63

Solo

*p* *f* *sfz* *ff* *mp*

*fp* *p* *f*

*fp* *p* *f*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp* *p* *mf*

70

dressed in style and knelt be fore her all the while

dressed in style purrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr and knelt be fore her all the while

*f* Un-less the slave were dressed in style and knelt be fore her

*f* Un-less the slave were dressed in style *Roll r's* purrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr and knelt be fore her

76

*mf* my-ster-i-ous

all the while a poor proud mys-ter-i-ous

all the while a poor proud mys-ter-i-ous *mf* se-ri-ous

81

E

wee - re - ous\_ se - ri - ous cat. cat cat sh\_

queer - i - - ous se - ri - ous cat. cat cat sh\_

queer - i - - ous se - ri - ous cat. me - ow sh\_

se - ri - ous cat. me - ow sh\_

86

Solo

me - ow mew Did you

me - ow mew Did you

mew Did you

mew Did you

92 **F**

*mf*

ev - er hear of a thing like that? Did you ev - er hear of a thing like that? Did you  
 ev - er hear of a thing like that? Did you ev - er hear of a thing like that? Did you  
 ev - er hear of a thing like that? Did you ev - er hear of a thing like that? Did you  
 ev - er hear of a thing like that? Did you ev - er hear of a thing like that? Did you

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ev - er hear of a thing like that? Did you ev - er hear of a thing like that?  
 ev - er hear of a thing like that? Did you ev - er hear of a thing like that?  
 ev - er hear of a thing like that? Did you ev - er hear of a thing like that?  
 ev - er hear of a thing like that? Did you ev - er hear of a thing like that?

101

*f* *mp* *f*

What a proud proud What a proud  
 What a proud proud What a proud  
 proud proud proud  
 proud proud proud

106

*mp* *f*

**G**

proud What a proud proud proud proud my - ste - ri - ous  
 proud What a proud proud proud proud eer - i - ous  
 proud proud proud proud proud my - ste - ri - ous  
 proud proud proud proud proud my - ste - ri - ous

**G**

112

*mp*  
wee - ri - ous

*mp*  
ee - ri - ous

*mp*  
mys - ter - i ous

*mp*  
quee - ri - ous

*mp*  
quee - ri - ous

115

*p* *ff*  
se - ri - ous cat.

*p* *f*  
se - ri - ous cat.

*p* *f*  
se - ri - ous cat.

*p* *f*  
se - ri - ous cat.

*p* *ff* *p* *p*