



Kitty and Mousie



Aldine S. Kieffer
(1840-1904)

S
Once there was a lit - tle kit - ty, White as the snow; In a barn he used to fro - ic,

A
Once there was a lit - tle kit - ty, White as the snow; In a barn he used to fro - ic,

T
Once there was a lit - tle kit - ty, White as the snow; In a barn he used to fro - ic,

B
Once there was a lit - tle kit - ty, White as the snow; In a barn he used to fro - ic,

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S
Long_ time a - go. In the barn a lit - tle mous - ie Ran_ to and fro;

A
Long_ time a - go. In the barn a lit - tle mous - ie Ran to and fro;

T
Long time a - go. In the barn a lit - tle mous - ie Ran to and fro;

B
Long time a - go. In the barn a lit - tle mous - ie Ran to and fro;

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S For she heard the lit - tle kit - ty, Long time a - go. Two black eyes had lit - tle kit - ty,

A For she heard the lit - tle kit - ty, Long time a - go. Two black eyes had lit - tle kit - ty,

T 8 For she heard the lit - tle kit - ty, Long time a - go. Two black eyes had lit - tle kit - ty,

B For she heard the lit - tle kit - ty, Long time a - go. Two black eyes had lit - tle kit - ty,

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S Black as a crow: And they spied the lit - tle mous - ie, Long time a - go.

A Black as a crow: And they spied the lit - tle mous - ie, Long time a - go.

T 8 Black as a crow: And they spied the lit - tle mous - ie, Long time a - go.

B Black as a crow: And they spied the lit - tle mous - ie, Long time a - go.

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S Four soft paws had lit - tle kit - ty, Paws soft as snow; And they caught the lit - tle mous - ie,

A Four soft paws had lit - tle kit - ty, Paws soft as snow; And they caught the lit - tle mous - ie,

T 8 Four soft paws had lit - tle kit - ty, Paws soft as snow; And they caught the lit - tle mous - ie,

B Four soft paws had lit - tle kit - ty, Paws soft as snow; And they caught the lit - tle mous - ie,

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S Long time a - go. Nine pearl teeth had lit - tle kit - ty, All in a row:

A Long time a - go. Nine pearl teeth had lit - tle kit - ty, All in a row:

T Long time a - go. Nine pearl teeth had lit - tle kit - ty, All in a row:

B Long time a - go. Nine pearl teeth had lit - tle kit - ty, All in a row:

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S And they bit the lit - tle mous - ie, Long time a - go. When the teeth bit lit - tle mous - ie,

A And they bit the lit - tle mous - ie, Long time a - go. When the teeth bit lit - tle mous - ie,

T And they bit the lit - tle mous - ie, Long time a - go. When the teeth bit lit - tle mous - ie,

B And they bit the lit - tle mous - ie, Long time a - go. When the teeth bit lit - tle mous - ie,

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S Mous - ie cried out "Oh!" But she slipped a - way from kit - ty, Long time a - go.

A Mous - ie cried out "Oh!" But she slipped a - way from kit - ty, Long time a - go.

T Mous - ie cried out "Oh!" But she slipped a - way from kit - ty, Long time a - go.

B Mous - ie cried out "Oh!" But she slipped a - way from kit - ty, Long time a - go.

Aldine Silliman Kieffer (1840-1904) was born near Miami, Missouri. As a child, received musical training from his father, a farmer who also taught singing classes. After his father's death, he continued studies with his mother and his grandfather Joseph Funk, the noted Mennonite musician and music publisher. At 16, he became a teacher in his grandfather's singing schools. In the Civil War, he served in the Tenth Virginia Infantry and was a prisoner of war in Fort Delaware. After the war, he continued his musical work, issuing the song book "Christian Harp." He taught normal schools in several states and with Ephraim Ruebush. He took over his grandfather's publishing company and, with Ruebush and John W. Howe, founded the Kieffer, Ruebush, & Company music publishing house. The company published numerous volumes of songs and the periodical the Musical Million, one of the leading tools promoting shape note music for almost a half century. The publication helped link teachers and students across the country, and published many songs in its pages. He died in Dayton, Virginia.

Once there was a little kitty,
White as the snow;
In a barn he used to frolic,
Long time ago.

In the barn a little mouseie
Ran to and fro;
For she heard the little kitty,
Long time ago.

Two black eyes had little kitty,
Black as a crow:
And they spied the little mouseie,
Long time ago.

Four soft paws had little kitty,
Paws soft as snow;
And they caught the little mouseie,
Long time ago.

Nine pearl teeth had little kitty,
All in a row:
And they bit the little mouseie,
Long time ago.

When the teeth bit little mouseie,
Mouseie cried out "Oh!"
But she slipped away from kitty,
Long time ago.

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