



The Cat's Predicament

George N. Rockwell
(1855-1916)

Andante misterioso

Piano

Pno.

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Enunciate distinctly

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S *mp* "Can - not find a mouse or rat,"

A *mp* "I am cold," be - wailed the cat, "Can - not find a mouse or rat,"

T *mp* "Can - not find a mouse or rat,"

B *mp* "Can - not find a mouse or rat,"

Pno. *mp*

13

S But I daren't go near the flat.* "Me - ow! For my life!" "Me - ow! For my

A "Me - ow! For my life!" "Me - ow! For my

T "Me - ow! For my life!" "Me - ow! For my

B "Me - ow! For my life!" "Me - ow! For my

Pno.

*NOTE FROM ORIGINAL PUBLICATION: The cat cry "meow" may be omitted if desired.

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S
life!"

A
life!"

T
life!"

B
life!"

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S
mp Is as tim - id as a mouse

A
mp Is as tim - id as a mouse

T
mp Is as tim - id as a mouse

B
mp 'Cause the mas - ter of the house Is as tim - id as a mouse

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S
"Me - ow! That's his wife!" "Me - ow! That's his

A
"Me - ow! That's his wife!" "Me - ow! That's his

T
cresc.
In the pres - ence of his spouse, "Me - ow! That's his wife!" "Me - ow! That's his

B
"Me - ow! That's his wife!" "Me - ow! That's his

Pno.
cresc.
f

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S
wife!"

A
wife!"

T
wife!"

B
wife!"

Pno.

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S *f* And when ere she asks for furs,

A *f* Oh, a flam - ing tongue is hers, And when ere she asks for furs,

T *f* And when ere she asks for furs,

B *f* And when ere she asks for furs,

Pno. *f*

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S *mf* Tho' he's bust - ed, he con-curs, "Me - ow! That's a - grees!" "Me - ow! That's a -
bank - rupt

A *mf* "Me - ow! That's a - grees!" "Me - ow! That's a -

T *mf* "Me - ow! That's a - grees!" "Me - ow! That's a -

B *mf* "Me - ow! That's a - grees!" "Me - ow! That's a -

Pno. *mf*

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S
grees!"

A
grees!"

T
grees!"

B
grees!"

Pno.



51

S
rit. *cresc.* *rit.*
"You shall have them by and by,"

A
rit. *cresc.* *rit.*
"You shall have them by and by,"

T
rit. *cresc.* *rit.*
"You shall have them by and by,"

B
rit. *cresc.* *rit.*
And he mur - murs with a sigh, "You shall have them by and by,"

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S *mf* "Me - ow! Might mean

A *mf* "Me - ow! Might mean

T *agitato* And that wild gleam in his eye, *mf* "Me - ow! Might mean

B *mf* "Me - ow! Might mean

Pno. *agitato* *mf*

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S me!" "Me - ow! Might mean me!"

A me!" "Me - ow! Might mean me!"

T me!" "Me - ow! Might mean me!"

B me!" "Me - ow! Might mean me!"

Pno. *pp*

George Noyes Rockwell (1855-1916) was born in Utica, New York. He was educated in the public schools and, at age fourteen, became organist at a local church. He relocated to Albany, then went to Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he was organist at Second Presbyterian Church. He then went West as organist in Muscatine, Iowa, where he also directed the choir at First Congregational Church, then moved to Chicago, Illinois, connected with the Williams Piano & Organ Company. He died in Chicago. His compositions were sacred and secular including an opera, numerous anthems, organ works, songs, and hymns. Presser Publishing Company issued a special catalog for his music, some published posthumously. He also was a writer on music and editor of music. His son George Noyes Rockwell, Jr. (b. 1881) was also a musician, operating a music store in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and for many years was a piano teacher in Kansas City, Missouri.

“I am cold,” bewailed the cat,
“Cannot find a mouse or rat,
But I daren’t go near the flat.”
“Meow! For my life!”

’Cause the master of the house
Is as timid as a mouse
In the presence of his spouse,
“Meow! That’s his wife!”

Oh, a flaming tongue is hers,
And when ere she asks for furs,
Tho’ he’s busted, he concurs,
“Meow! That’s agrees!”

And he murmurs with a sigh,
“You shall have them by and by,”
And that wild gleam in his eye,
“Meow! Might mean me!”

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