The Ad-dressing of Cats

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[♩ = 92]

You've heard of several kinds of cat, And

dogs pretend they like to fight; They

my opinion now is that You should need no interpreter To

yet a dog is, on the whole, What

understand our character. You've learned enough to take the view That

you would call a simple soul. The usual dog about the town is

cats much inclined to play the clown, And far from showing too much pride Is

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learnt about our proper names, Our habits and our habitat. But frequently undignified. He's such an easy-going lout, He'll

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How would you address a cat?
answer any hail or shout.

first, your memory I'll jog,
And say: a cat is not a
dog.

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mp Now
-bout the town is inclined to play the clown. Again I must re-

mind you that A dog's a dog, a cat's a

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cat. With cats, some say, one rule is

true: Don't speak till you are spoken to. My-

rall.
a tempo

- self, I do not hold with that. I say, you should address a cat. But

al - ways keep in mind that he Re - sents fa - mi - li - ar - ity. You

bow, and taking off your hat, address him in this

rall.

a tempo (poco meno mosso)

form: O Cat! Before a cat will con - des - cend To

rall.

a tempo (poco meno mosso)
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 caviare or Strasbourg 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.

cat’s entitled to expect these evidences of respect. So

this is this, and that is that: And there’s how you ad-

dress a cat. ff A cat.