

# The Naming of Cats

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CHORUS (*spoken in rhythm*)

Slow [ $\text{♩} = 60$ ]

The piano introduction is in 6/8 time, marked 'Slow' with a tempo of 60 beats per minute. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The dynamics are marked *mp* (mezzo-piano), *f* (forte), and *mf* (mezzo-forte).

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all, there's the name that the family use dai-ly, Such as Pet - er, Au - gus-tus, A - lon - zo or James, Such as  
Vic - tor or Jon - a-than, George or Bill Bailey, All of them sen - si-ble ev-ery-day names. There are

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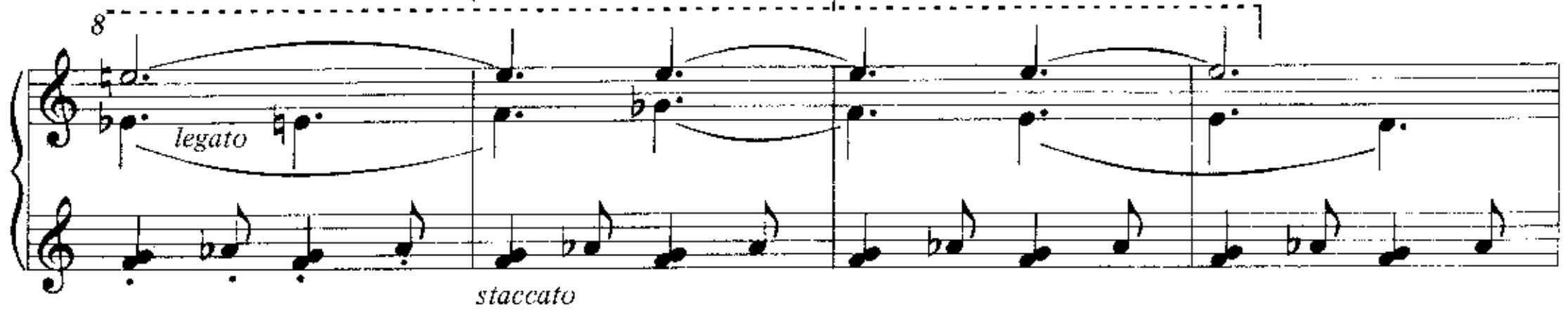
fan - ci - er names if you think they sound sweeter, Some for the gen - tle-men, some for the dames: Such as  
Pla - to, Ad - me-tus, E - lec-tra, De - me-ter, But all of them sen-si-ble ev-ery-day names. But I

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tell you, a cat needs a name that's par-ticu-lar, A name that's pe-cu-liar, and more dig-ni-fied, Else  
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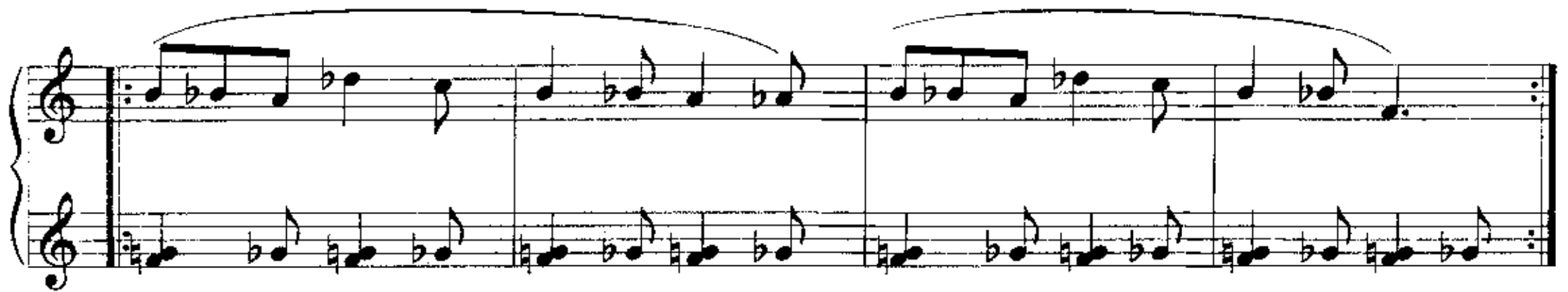
names of this kind, I can give you a quo-rum, Such as Mun-kus-trap, Qua-xo or Cor-i - co - pat, Such as



Bom - ba - lu - ri - na, or else Jellylorum, Names that never be-long to more than one cat. But a -



bove and beyond there's still one name left ov-er, And that is the name that you nev-er will guess; The name that no hu-man re - search can dis-cover, But the cat himself knows, and will nev-er confess. When you



no-tice a cat in pro - found me-di - ta - tion, The rea-son, I tell you, is al - ways the same: His



mind is en - gaged in a rapt con-tem-pla-tion Of the thought, of the thought, of the



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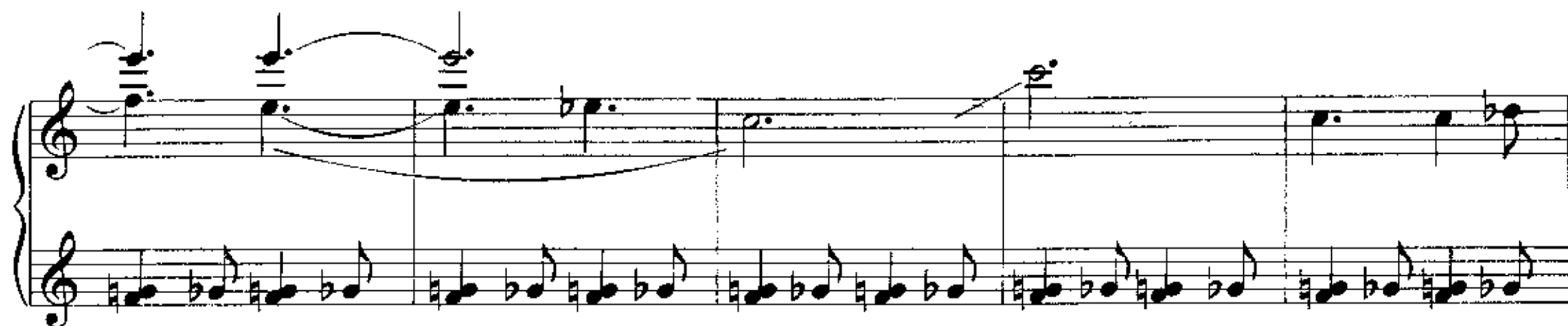
of his

name:

His in - eff-a-ble

eff-a-ble

Eff - an - in -



- ef-fa-ble

Deep

and in-scru-ta-ble

sin-gu-lar

name.

*repeat to fade*

## The Invitation to the Jellicle Ball

Jellicle Cats come out tonight,  
 Jellicle Cats come one come all:  
 The Jellicle Moon is shining bright --  
 Jellicles come to the Jellicle Ball.

Jellicle Cats meet once a year  
 At the Jellicle Ball where we all rejoice,  
 And the Jellicle leader will soon appear  
 And make what is known as the Jellicle choice --

When Old Deuteronomy just before dawn,  
 Through a silence you feel you can cut with a knife,  
 Announces the cat who can now be reborn  
 And come back to a different Jellicle life.

For waiting up there is the Heavyside Layer,  
 Full of wonders one Jellicle only will see,  
 And Jellicles ask, because Jellicles dare:  
 Who will it be? Who will it be?