The Naming of Cats

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CHORUS (spoken in rhythm)

The naming of cats is a difficult matter, It isn't just one of your holiday games; You:

Slow [♩ = 60]

all, there's the name that the family use daily, Such as Peter, Augustus, Jonizo or James, Such as:

Victor or Jonathan, George or Bill Bailey, All of them sensible everyday names. There are:

 fancier names if you think they sound sweeter, Some for the gentlemen, some for the dames; Such as:

Plato, Adamus, Electra, Demeter, But all of them sensible everyday names. But I:

tell you, a cat needs a name that's particular, A name that's peculiar, and more dignified, 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-bsu-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 over, And that is the name that you never will guess: The
name that no hu-man re-search can dis-cover, But the cat himself knows, and will never confess. When you

o- tice a cat in pro-found me-di-ta-tion, The reason, I tell you, is always the same: His

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

Lightly
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?