

Poems About Cats/I Love Little Kitty - Anon. Print out. Read the poem. Under-line or circle the rhyming words. Write the rhyming words on the next page. p.1.

I Love Little Kitty

1st stanza:

I love little Kitty,
Her coat is so warm,
And if I don't hurt her,
She'll do me no harm.

2nd stanza:

So I'll not pull her tail,
Nor drive her away,
But Kitty and I
Very gently will play.

3rd stanza:

She shall sit by my side,
And I'll give her some food;
And she'll love me because
I am gentle and good.

4th stanza:

I'll pat pretty Kitty,
And then she will purr;
And thus show her thanks
For my kindness to her;

5th stanza:

But I'll not punch her ears,
Nor tread on her paw,
Lest I should provoke her
To use her sharp claw.

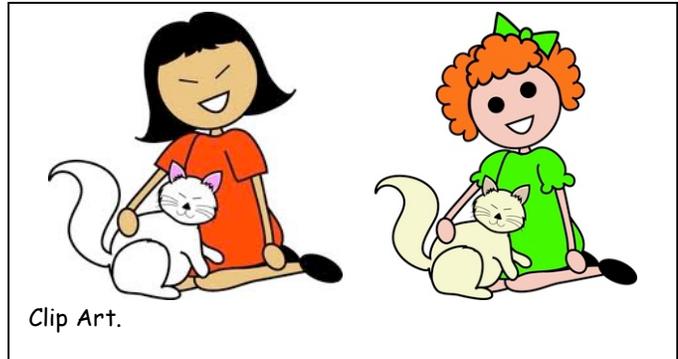


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6th stanza:

I never will vex her,
 Nor make her displeas'd -
 For Kitty don't like
 To be worried or teas'd.

- Anon.



"The poem appeared anonymously in a miscellany, 'The Child's Song Book, for the use of Schools and Families,' published in Boston in 1830. Whether or not the song was original to this volume... is uncertain. The words have often been attributed to Jane Taylor, as has so much other unclaimed verse, but evidence for this is wanting; and since the version in the 'Child's Song Book' is earlier and superior to any other, and is better known in the United States than in Britain, the song is probably of American origin." (p.391, The Oxford Book Of Children's Verse.)

This rhyme helps you learn that animals are gentle creatures that need to be respected, loved, and gently taken care of. If you have an animal, take good care of it. Animals think of people as their packs and their pack leaders. They want to be with people. They want to be treated gently, just like people do. Practice petting your animal/s carefully and gently. Do not force the animal/s to stay if they do not want to. Try to get the animal to come to you and to trust you. This means that you have to treat the animal lovingly all the time. Animals need plenty of food and water, and they need to be kept safe and warm. Never leave an animal in a car without proper ventilation because cars can overheat quickly if it is too hot out, or get very cold if it is too cold.



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Rhyming words: warm, harm; away, play; food, good; purr, her; paw, claw; displeased, teased.

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2. How does kitty's coat feel? (Read line 2 in the 1st stanza.)

3. How does the person in the poem play with kitty? (Read line 3 in the 1st stanza; line 4 in the 2nd stanza; line 4 in the 3rd stanza; line 1 in the 4th stanza.)

4. What happens if you do no harm to kitty? (Read the 4th line in the 1st stanza.)

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7. Do you have a cat? () Yes () No What kind?

8. Do you treat your cat gently? () Yes () No

Read all the Vocabulary Words in the Poem: and, am, away, be, because, but, by, claw, coat, ears, displeased, do, don't, drive, fire, food, for, gentle, gently, give, good, harm, her, hurt, I, if, I'll, is, kindness, kitty, lest, like, little, love, make, me, my, never, no, not, nor, on, or, pat, paw, pinch, play, pretty, provoke, pull, purr, shall, sharp, she, she'll, should, show, sit, side, so, some, tail, teased, thanks, then, thus, to, tread, use, very, vex, warm, will, worried.

Definitions:

displeased - *adj.* Annoyed or dissatisfied. (6th stanza)

lest - *conj.* In order to prevent something from happening. (5th stanza)

provoke - *v.* Make someone feel angry or irritated. (5th stanza)

thus - *adv.* As a result. (4th stanza)

tread - *v.* Step. (5th stanza)

vex - *v.* Annoy, irritate, "bug." (6th stanza)

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