

Appendix VI

CAT'S PROLOGUE

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[Part of "Ballet: The legend of DICK WHITTINGTON and his CAT" in The Rock (p. 81). Details of the ballet are not printed in the text.]

Be not astonished at this point to see
Creep on the stage a little cat like me.
This pageant is a kind of pantomime
Where anything may come at any time;
And what's a pantomime without a Cat?
And I'm no ordinary puss at that.
For I was to a worthy master loyal
Who built St. Michael Paternoster Royal;
I am the Cat who was Dick Whittington's,
And now we'll show you how our story runs.