



HERMAN RECHBERGER

# Seven Cat Songs

FOR BARITONE (...A HE CAT) & PIANO



Herman Rechberger (1947–2022)

**SEVEN CAT SONGS**

*for baritone and piano*

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# I. A CAT'S STATEMENT

Herman Rechberger

♩ = 96

*mf*

Bar. *mf*

I'm on-ly a cat. and I stay in my place...

Pf *mf*

5 *mp* *f*

Up there on your chair, on your bed or your

5 *p*

8 *mf*

face! I'm on-ly a cat, and I don't fi-nick much...

8 *mf*

## II. CATS CAN SLEEP ANYWHERE

Herman Rechberger

Draggy ♩ = 74

Bar.

*mp*

Cats can sleep a-ny - where, a-ny ta - ble

Pf.

*mp*

*Leg.* \* *simile*

6

a-ny chair. Top of the pi - a - - no, win-dow- ledge,

*mf* *mp*

*Leg.* \* *Leg.* 3

9

in the mid-dle, on the edge. O-pen dra-wer, em-pty shoe,

*simile* 3

13

a-ny - bo-dy's lap will do. Fit-ted in a

*p* *p*

*Leg.* \* *Leg.* 5

### III. A CAT'S MEMORIES

Herman Rechberger

Like a Valse ♩ = 60

Bar.

Pf.

*mp*

8

When I was young, on the carpet I wee'd I spent all my

8

16

Sun-days get-ting — de - flea'd.

16

24

24

# IV. A CAT'S EVENING PRAYER

Andante gattoso ♩ = 54

*mp*

Herman Rechberger

Bar.

Now I lay me

Pf.

*mp*

down to sleep, I pray this cu - shy life to keep. *mf*

pray for toys that look like mice, and so - fa - cushions soft and nice! *mp*

For gro - cery - bags where I can - hide, just like a ti - ger, *f*

# V. A SONG ABOUT TWO CATS

Herman Rechberger

Adagietto ♩ = 76

Bar.

*mf* >

Two cats one up a tree, one un-der the tree.

Pf.

*f* *mf*

5

The cat up a tree is HE! The cat un-der the tree is SHE!

*f* *mp* *sfz*

8

*pp* *p* 3 3

The tree is a witch elm just in - ci - den - tal - ly.

*pp* *p* *f*

12

*mf* 3 3

He takes no no - tice of SHE, SHE takes no no - tice of HE!

*mf*

# VI. THE BLACK-CAT-LUCK

Herman Rechberger

Mysterious "Four-step" ♩ = 68

Pf.

*p*

*mf*

A cat as black as black-est coal Is

*p*

out upon his midnight-stroll, His steps are soft His walk is slow, His

eyes are gold, They flash and glow.

# VII. ALL KINDS OF CATS

Herman Rechberger

Like a Blues ♩ = 74

Bar. *mf* Lazy cats and wanderers,

5 ac - tive\_ cats and pon-de-rers, plump cats and thin\_\_\_\_ cats,

8 sad and Che-shire grin cats. Dumpy ones and tall ones, old cats, bold cats.

12 *p* Peace - ful ones and figh - - - - - ters, *f*

Pf. *mf*