

### 3. The Naming of Cats

#### Group 1

The naming of cats  
Is a difficult matter,  
It isn't just one  
Of your holiday games.  
You may think at first  
I'm as mad as a hatter,  
When I tell you a cat  
Must have three different names.

#### Group 2

First of all there's the name  
That the family use daily,  
Such as Peter, Augustus,  
Alonzo or James,  
Such as Victor or Jonathon,  
George or Bill Bailey.  
All of them sensible  
Everyday names.

#### Group 3

There are fancier names  
If you think they sound sweeter,  
Some for the gentlemen  
Some for the dames:  
Such as Plato, Admetus,  
Electra Demeter  
But all of them sensible  
Everyday names.

#### Group 4

But above and beyond  
There's still one name left over.  
And that is the name  
That you never will guess;  
The name that no human  
Research can discover  
But the cat himself knows  
And will never confess.

#### ALL

When you notice a cat  
In profound meditation,  
The reason, I tell you,  
Is always the same:  
His mind is engaged  
In a rant contemplation  
Of the thought,  
Of the thought,  
Of the thought,  
Of his name  
His ineffable, effable,  
Effan ineffable  
Deep and inscrutable  
Singular

