**CAT Collection**

*As can be seen in the works below, cats have played an important part in the arts, and in our daily lives. They are in our homes, porches, and imaginations. Regal, silky, purring, and wonderful.*



 

 “ OB-SERVE the Cat up-on this page.

 Phil-os-o-phers in ev-er-y age,

 The ver-y wis-est of the wise,

 Have tried her mind to an-a-lyze

 In vain, for noth-ing can they learn.

 She baf-fles them at ev-er-y turn

 Like Mis-ter Ham-let in the play.”

 Or yarn or any roll-ing thing.

  

Images:

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