

# I Could Pee on This

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AND OTHER POEMS BY CATS

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# INTRODUCTION



For thousands of years, cats have strived to express to humans what it means to be feline. They have tried body language, plaintive meowing, even a filmmaking style best described as “fallen camera nudged across floor until forgotten or smeared with saliva.” And for thousands of years, we humans have witnessed this unending struggle for true emotional and spiritual connection and said, “Wook at that wittle furry face! Wook at that wittle furry face! Who’s got a wittle furry face? You’ve got a wittle furry face!”

But now, through the power of poetry and a publishing contract, cats everywhere can fully welcome people into their hearts, minds, and souls. Within these very pages, you’ll find poems penned by cats that reveal their every desire, their every conflict, and their every epiphany. You’ll also discover why cats do things like put their whole paw in your glass and then look at you as if you’ve never had a date over for wine before. Seriously, their whole paw. Like they think it’s easy to get cabernet out of orange tabby.

In fact, by the time you’ve finished reading this poetry anthology, you’ll not only completely understand everything your cat thinks and does but even applaud him for it. Maybe give him a medal. Or throw him a parade in your hallway, making sure to avoid staircases so all the tiny floats don’t tumble down. Or you can just sit your cat down, look him straight in the eyes and say, “I get it. I really do get it . . . furry face.”

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CHAPTER

1

# FAMILY



Sometimes when I lie on your warm chest  
And hear your every happy sigh  
I gaze into your two kind eyes  
And wonder, "Who is that?"

CAT EPIGRAM



## I COULD PEE ON THIS

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Her new sweater doesn't smell of me  
I could pee on that  
She's gone out for the day and  
left her laptop on the counter  
I could pee on that  
Her new boyfriend just pushed  
my head away  
I could pee on him  
She's ignoring me ignoring her  
I could pee everywhere  
She's making up for it  
by putting me on her lap  
I could pee on this  
I could pee on this





## I LICK YOUR NOSE

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I lick your nose

I lick your nose again

I drag my claws down your eyelids

Oh, you're up? Feed me

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## CLOSED DOOR

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LET ME IN LET ME IN LET ME IN  
LET ME IN LET ME IN LET ME IN  
LET ME IN LET ME IN LET ME IN  
LET ME IN LET ME IN LET ME IN  
LET ME IN LET ME I—

Oh, uh, hello

I did not expect an answer

I did not expect an entrance

I did not expect this room to be  
so unbelievably dull

So, uh, goodbye

## WHY ARE YOU SCREAMING?

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Why are you screaming?

What did I do wrong?

Why are you crying?

How can I make it right?

Would you like it in a different color?

Would you like it in a different size?

Would you like it in a different room?

I just wanted to show my love

I just wanted to express my thanks

I just wanted to put a dead mouse  
on your sheets

But now you are screaming

And I don't know how to make you stop

## WHO IS THAT ON YOUR LAP?

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There's another cat in the house  
A cat I've never seen  
A much younger cat  
You seem to know her name  
You accidentally called me by her name  
Right in front of the lamp  
And my friend the throw pillow  
I've never been so humiliated  
I may never love again

*Dear Diary,*







## SEPARATION

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You can have the CDs,  
    I will take the string  
You can have the TV,  
    I will take this fuzzy thing  
You can have the kitchen set,  
    I will take this crumpled foil  
You can have the car,  
    I will keep this rug I soil  
You can have the beach house,  
    I will take this tissue box  
You can have everything,  
    Ooo I want those dirty socks  
You can go to hell, I will see to that  
For how dare you come home  
    smelling of another cat?

# PASSPORT



## SOMETHING'S WRONG

Something's wrong

Why are the walls a different color?

Something's not right

When did we get these stairs?

Something's off

How did the kitchen move across the floor?

Something's going on

Who changed all the homes outside?

Something's very odd

Why are you mispronouncing "Georgia"  
as "New York"?

Something happened

When you put me in that carrying case

And someday soon

I will figure it out

## UNBRIDLED LOVE

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I knead your chest with my sharp claws  
To show you my affection  
I bite your arm and don't let go  
To show you adoration  
I walk across your throat at night  
Because I want to say, "Hello!"  
I leap from high upon your crotch  
Because I miss you so  
I trip you when you walk down the stairs  
So you know I'm always near  
I sit on your face and block all your air  
So my absence you need not fear  
I show my love in so many ways  
My devotion runneth over  
So I don't know why when I approach  
You duck and run for cover

## BROTHERS

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They say we are brothers though  
we look nothing alike  
They say we are family though  
we differ so much  
I am tabby, you are brown  
I am long, you are short  
I am thin, you are stout  
I am lively, you are shy  
I am a kitten, you are a hamster  
But kin is kin  
So let me run on your wheel

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*Meowy Christmas!*

FROM OUR LITTER TO YOURS

## O CHRISTMAS TREE

O please

O come on

O like you didn't know

What you were getting for Christmas

Before I ripped open all your gifts

O by the way

The tree looks better on its side

O I really do think so

