

Black Cats Matter

Words and Music: Gary McGath, Copyright 2020

Song #1 for FAWM 2020

They've been hated and made to die,
"Witches' beasts," says the ancient lie.
It's bad luck when they cross your path,
So they're objects of fear and wrath.

But black cats matter, and in the end
All they want is a home and friend.
Their fur is dark, but their hearts are bright
When they've got a safe place at night.

They don't photograph very well,
They get overlooked, they don't sell.
Folks want tortie or calico,
So where's a simple black cat to go?

But black cats matter, And you can tell
Everyone they've a magic spell.
For just a bowl and a place to stay
They will be with you every day.

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes and rests. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words split across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

D A7

They've been hat - ed and made to die,
They don't pho - to - graph ve - ry well.

A7 D

"Witch - es' beasts," says the an - cient lie.
They get o - ver - looked, they don't sell.

Bm F# A7

It's bad luck when they cross your path, So they're
Bolks want tor - tie or ca - li - co, So where's a

D G

ob - jects of fear cat and wrath. But black cats mat - ter, and
sim - ple black cat to go? But black cats mat - ter, And

D A7 D

in the end All they want is a home and
you can tell Ev - ery - one they've a mag - ic

G D

friend. Their fur just is a dark, but their hearts are bright
spell. For just a bowl and a place to stay

A D

When they've got a safe place at night.
They will be with you ev - ery day.