

# The Elementary Cat

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Music: Frank Hayes, "Never Set the Cat on Fire"

Never set the cat on fire,  
She will not want to stay there.  
She doesn't have the least desire  
To be a cat flambé there.  
It's certain she would rather not  
Be sitting where it's burning hot,  
So never set the cat on fire.

Chorus:

And mind your humors  
In everything you do and see.  
You'll find it's elementary.

Never set the cat on water,  
She's not good at swimming.  
She'll think she's been brought to the slaughter  
When the tub is brimming.  
The liquid won't appeal to her,  
Nor will the feel of soggy fur,  
So never set the cat on water.

Chorus

Never set the cat on air,  
She won't remain there floating.  
It isn't dense enough to bear:  
A fact that is worth noting.  
The kitty cat will surely fall  
On to the ground, and that is all.  
So never set the cat on air.

Chorus

Always set the cat on earth,  
That's where she has good standing.  
She'll roll around with glee and mirth  
When she has made safe landing.  
When she has four paws on the ground  
She'll know that she is safe and sound,  
So always set the cat on earth.

Chorus