

# Puff, the Genius Kitten

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We all regret that kittens  
Must grow up to be cats,  
And change from whirling furballs  
Into calm aristocrats,  
And so I used the methods  
Of bio-engineers  
And made a kitten who'd stay young  
And not grow up for years.

*Chorus:*

Oh, Puff, the genius kitten,  
Played, jumped, and ran,  
The moggy who would not grow up,  
The feline Peter Pan!  
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I learned that he was extra smart  
And also extra strange,  
When I found him roasting marshmallows  
Upon the kitchen range.

He soon was shooting baskets  
with golf balls and a cup.  
For there's no smarter animal  
Than one who won't grow up.  
*(Chorus)*

And when the wild dogs chased our girl  
And drove him up a tree,  
I saw his eyes say he would not  
Forget that infamy.  
He lured them to a lethal trap  
And satisfied his hate,  
But I could not forgive him that  
He'd used my child as bait!  
*(Chorus)*

Now even Puff grew up at last,  
And he's no longer here;  
But when we put marshmallows out  
They always disappear.  
And when they're gone, we find the tracks  
Of kittens he's begat,  
And Puff may be the father of  
The future super-cat!  
*(Chorus)*