

The Cats of Memory

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The cats of memory are never truly gone.
For each one has a place where always they live on.
And each one's special style — a move, a look, a meow —
Gives each of them a place, and they are with me now.

The cats of memory each had a special role,
I learned to understand the shape of each one's soul.
The habits that they had, annoying, strange, or sweet,
Set each of them apart, made each of them complete.

The cats of memory all had a bitter cost.
The world seemed at an end with each time one was lost.
I knew it from the start that there would be an end,
That after many years I'd have to lose a friend.

There is no rainbow bridge. Don't tell me such a tale.
And yet they still remain, beyond the shadow vale.
Though many years have passed, they always are with me.
They live while I recall the cats of memory.

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Dm F Dm Am

The cats of mem - o - ry are nev - er tru - ly gone. For
 The cats of mem - o - ry each had a spe - cial role. I
 The cats of mem - o - ry all had a bit - ter cost. The
 There is no rain - bow bridge. Don't tell me such a tale. And

5 F Gm A

each one has a place where they al - ways live on. And
 learned to un - der - stand the shape of each one's soul. The
 world seemed at an end with each time one was lost. I
 yet they still re - main, be - yond the sha - dow vale. Though

9 Dm F Bb C

each one's spe - cial style_ a move, a look, a meow_ Gives
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13 Gm C7 A Dm

each of them a place, and they are with me now.
 each of them a - part, made each of them com - plete.
 af - ter ma - ny years I'd have to lose a friend.
 live while I re - call the cats of mem - o - ry.

19 A Dm