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## Of Mice and Cat

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There was enough space in the house  
For the family of mice  
And the white cat with a black tail,  
Black patches on its ears and face,  
A very beautiful cat indeed,  
And all lived in absolute happiness;  
The cat moved about  
As a member of the house-hold,  
The mice, quite understandable,  
Could not do so.

Then it happened.  
The cat sleeping in the garage was crushed  
Under the wheel of the car  
The master backed in haste  
To take his son to hospital,  
He had broken his leg  
Falling from the staircase.

With no cat about,  
Mice found life dull  
And, after considerable thought,  
Hit upon where to migrate  
Lost no time in leaving.

The boy back from hospital,  
Limping around, missed the cat  
But not so the mice,  
Quite understandable.