

The Cat's Protection League

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Midnight. A knock at the door.

Open it? Better had.

Three heavy cats, mean and bad.

They offer protection. I ask 'What for?'

The Boss-cat snarls, 'You know the score.

Listen man and listen good

If you wanna stay in the neighbourhood,

pay your dues or the toms will call

And wail each night on the backyard wall.

Mangle the flowers, and as for the lawn

A smelly minefield awaits you at dawn.'

These guys meant business without a doubt

Three cans of tuna, I handed them out.

They then disappeared like bats into hell

Those bad, bad cats from the CPL.