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## Black Cats

Once upon a time, in a quiet neighborhood where the people lived in little houses with lovely backyards, there lived four playful black kittens named Benny, Sam, Milo, and Leo. They were mischievous and full of fun, dressed in shiny black coats, each having a curly tail that bounced behind them. A little ribbon adorned their necks, adding a hint of elegance to their otherwise playful appearance.

One clear moonlit night, Benny, the bravest of the four, decided to explore. He left his cozy corner under the old oak tree and trotted around the backyard. He soon discovered a tall wooden fence that looked like an exciting playground. Climbing onto the fence, he peered around and gave a hearty "miaow," which sounded very much like him calling out, "Mar-i-a! Mar-i-a! Come out! Mar-i-a! Mar-i-a! Let's play!"



Sam, hearing Benny's call, came bounding out of the shadows. He playfully responded, "What's the fuss? I'm out!" and he jumped up beside Benny on the fence. They both began to purr, their happy rumbling sounds echoing through the quiet backyard.

Soon enough, Milo and Leo heard the rumblings of their brothers and came scampering out, eager to join the fun. They leaped onto the fence, and all four of them, now together, gave out a group purr, which sounded like a little motor running in the quiet night.

Feeling excited and full of energy, Benny suggested, "Now that we're all out, let's have some fun!" So, down from the fence they all jumped. They marched to the front of the backyard, sat down in a neat row, and began to wash their faces in true cat fashion, with their tiny paws rubbing over their whiskers.

Next, they started chasing each other around the yard. They chased their tails, batted at falling leaves, and arched their backs in pretend fright. Their little games went on, full of kitten laughter and cat-titude.

Suddenly, they decided to climb back on the fence, and under the twinkling stars, they began to sing a kitty song:

"We are the cats, the moonlit cats, Me-ow, me-ow, me-ow, me-ow! Chasing away the naughty rats, Me-ow, me-ow, me-ow, me-ow! Our voices clear, sweet, and high, Me-ow, me-ow, me-ow, me-ow, Reverberate in the midnight sky, Me-ow, me-ow, me-ow, me-ow."

Their kitty carol echoed through the stillness of the night, rousing the neighbors from their sleep. Delighted with the concert, the neighbors, in their sleepy state, began tossing harmless things like boot jacks, hairbrushes, and soft slippers at the playful kittens.

The kittens, finding the flying objects entertaining, decided to wrap up their moonlit party. They ran around, dodging the flying hairbrushes and slippers, until they got tired and decided it was time to go back to their cozy corners.

With the final "me-ow, me-ow, me-ow, me-ow," they scampered off, leaving behind a night filled with their sweet little memories. The neighborhood returned to its quiet slumber, with dreams filled with the playful antics of the four mischievous kittens, promising another day of fun and laughter when the sun rose again.