

# Cat in the Hat

(also, Wickersham Brothers, Vlad Vladikoff, Yertle the Turtle, The Grinch, Young Kangaroo)

(#1 - OVERTURE begins.)

(A red-and-white-striped hat sits on a very empty stage. A BOY (JOJO) enters and notices it.)

## BOY

Now that is a very unusual hat.  
I wonder what's under a hat such as that.  
It could be a creature they call the Ga-Zat  
Who balances things on his head, 'cause it's flat.  
Or a stripe-loving Pipester from Upper Mount Bat.  
Or a sort of a kind of a hat-wearing...

(The BOY picks up the hat, and THE CAT IN THE HAT (CAT) suddenly appears.)

## CAT, BOY

Cat!

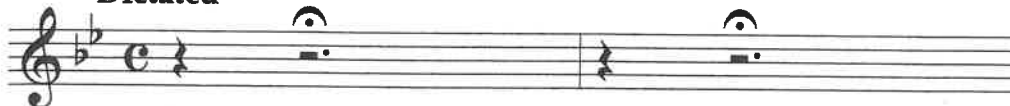
(#2 - OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK! begins.)

# OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK!

CAT: I can see that you've got quite a mind for your age!

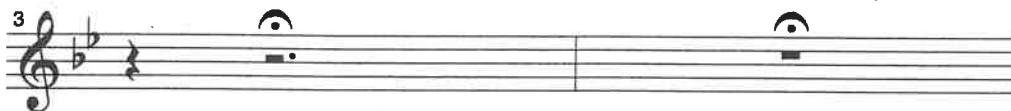
Why, one Think and you dragged me right onto the stage!

Dictated



Now, I'm here, there is no telling what may ensue...

...with a Cat such as me and a Thinker like you!



(The CAT begins to "create" the Seussian world of imagination for the BOY, who will enter this world and become JOJO.)

Bright "4", With Mischief



Oh, the thinks you can think! Oh, the thinks you can think

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if you're wil - ling to try... —

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Think in - vi - si - ble ink! Or a Gink with a stink!

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Or a stair to the sky... —

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— If you o - pen your mind, oh, the thinks you will find

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li - ning up to get loose... —

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Oh, the thinks you can think when you think a - bout

(FULL COMPANY now enters.)

ALL: (except the BOY)

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Seuss! CAT

Seuss!

CAT

2 Good evening ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to Seusseby's. Our first item up to bid this evening is lot 39, a pendulous pachyderm on egg, nest, and tree. The bidding will begin at ten thousand dollars. Do I hear ten, ten thousand?

(The CAT improvises with the audience.)

Going once, going twice...

(The CAT bangs his gavel.)

Sold... to the man with the sideburns and the greasy black moustache - oh, excuse me, Madam! Sold instead, to the man from the circus!