

The Manx Cat Song



As Sung to me by John Cuyler, Milford, CT

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Musical notation for the first system (measures 1-4). Chords: D, G. Lyrics: "Are you a-ware that the cats have got no tails on the Isle of Man?"

Dulcimer tablature (D, A, D strings):

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
0	0	0	0	2	2	4	4	4	2	4	2	2	1	0

Musical notation for the second system (measures 5-8). Chords: A7, D. Lyrics: "All the oth - er cats have tails, Eng - land, Ire - land, Scot - land, Wales."

Dulcimer tablature (D, A, D strings):

4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0	0	0		
2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
				3	3	3				2	2	2		

Musical notation for the third system (measures 9-12). Chord: G. Lyrics: "Seems a great in - jus - tice, but there is no o - ther plan."

Dulcimer tablature (D, A, D strings):

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
			0	2	4	4	4	4	4	2	1	0		

Musical notation for the fourth system (measures 13-16). Chords: A7, D. Lyrics: "Are you a-ware that the cats have got no tails on the Isle of Man?"

Dulcimer tablature (D, A, D strings):

4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0		
2	2	2	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
						3	3	3	2	1	0			

From John Cuyler, who sang this for me at the Nutmeg Dulcimer Festival in Milford, Connecticut. "I learned that from my father, and I think he learned it from his mother. I don't really know. A one-verse children's ditty. I have looked for it but I have no idea what its source was. I'd be curious if anyone on the Isle of Man has heard it."

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