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There once lived a young man, who was very poor,  
For all that he had was a Cat:  
His food being gone, he could get no more,  
And so he resolv'd to kill that.

Now Puss from the cupboard came out and thus  
spoke,

“Grieve not, my good master, I pray:  
Provide me with boots and a bag—’tis no joke—  
Your fortune I’ll make then straightway.”



Puss baited his bag with parsley and bread,  
And away to a warren he hied,  
Where laid himself down as if he was dead,  
Until some young rabbits he spied.

One entered the bag, Puss pull'd at the string,  
The rabbit was kill'd in a trice:  
Puss said, "This fine game I'll take to the king,  
I'm sure he will say it is nice."



Next day to a wheat field Grimalkin repair'd,  
 And there two fine partridges caught :  
 These he took to the king, who kindly inquir'd  
 From whence the fine present was brought.

“ From the Marquis Carabas, great monarch,” said he,  
 “ These birds and the rabbit I bring :”  
 They both were accepted, and Puss, in high glee,  
 Receiv'd a reward from the king.



This king took a journey, his kingdom to view,  
 With his daughter so fine and so gay :  
 And what happen'd then I will tell unto you ;  
 To my tale therefore listen, I pray.

Puss ran to a corn field ; to the reapers he said,  
 “ When the king comes, these words you repeat,  
 ‘ To the Marquis Carabas these fields all belong,’  
 Or I’ll chop you as small as minced meat.”



To an Ogre's grand castle Grimalkin now went,  
Which was opened by servants so gay :  
"Is his highness the Ogre at home, sir?" said he,  
"For my business is urgent to-day."

The Ogre received him with kindness, and now  
Puss entered the castle so gay,  
When, making a low and reverend bow,  
He march'd to the parlour straightway.



“’Tis thought, mighty Ogre, by all in the nation,  
 That miraculous power you possess,—  
 The power, when you please, of complete transform-  
 This a miracle is and no less.” [ation,

“To convince you ’tis true,” the Ogre replied,  
 “I will change myself now in your sight;”  
 He did so—a lion, he roars by his side,  
 Which put the poor Cat in a fright.





“Mighty Sir,” said the Cat, “such a change, I must  
 I never expected to view : [say,  
 Yet I venture no doubt—your pardon, I pray—  
 If a mouse you could change yourself to.”

“Doubt not,” said the Ogre, “my power to do so,”  
 When a mouse he directly became ;  
 On his victim Grimalkin immediately flew,  
 And sealed in an instant his doom.



The king and princess now arriv'd at the place,  
But Puss, who had travell'd much faster,  
Came out and invited them in with much grace,  
In the name of the Marquis, his master.

In a spacious saloon they sat themselves down,  
Where a banquet was already spread ;  
And that day "PUSS IN BOOTS" gain'd greater  
renown,  
For the Marquis and Princess were wed.



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