

## Meow Meow Durga Lal Shrestha Surendra Maharjan



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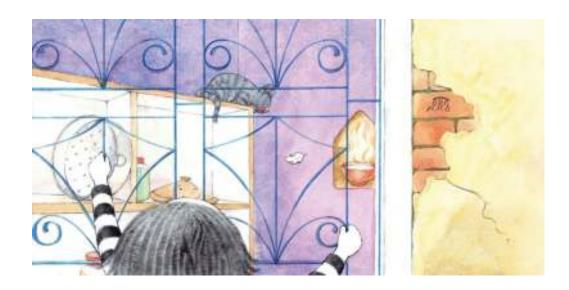
















Meow! Meow! Meow!
Meow! Little kitty Meow!
Who taught you how to steal
milk and rice?



A bowl full of milk and rice was waiting on the shelf.

Ma put it there with such love and care.

You came and ate suru-suru, leaving none to spare



Who taught you how to steal milk and rice?

Meow! Meow! Meow!



Everyday to school we go carrying bags of books.



Everyday we rise to study reading all our books.



But you never help around the house, never, ever lend your paw. And still you want some apples, huh?

Meow! Meow! Meow!



When Ma has lots of work, we watch over little brother.



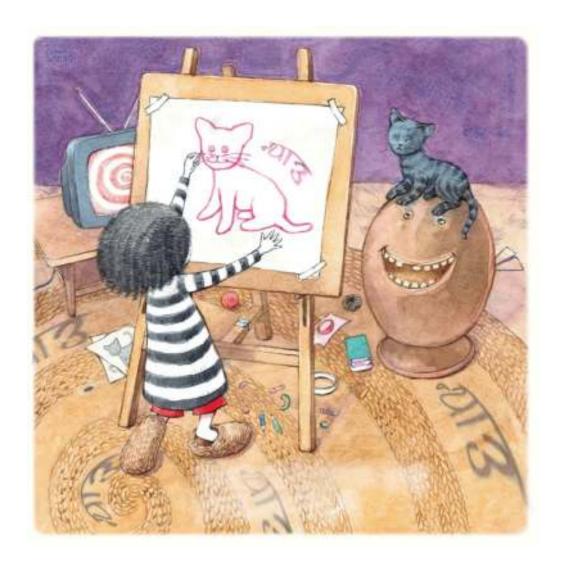
Skipping, jumping, dancing, we laugh with one another.



But you, you just meow meow, All you do is meow!

Who taught you how to steal milk and rice?

Meow! Meow! Meow!



From the corner of my eye I see tiger whiskers



From the shadows on the stairs, there's no sign of a whimper. Full of mischief, ready to leap, you peer without a whisper.

Who taught you how to steal milk and rice?

Meow! Meow! Meow!





About the Author Durga Lal Shrestha is a famous poet of Nepal Bhasa and Nepali. As a teacher of Nepal Bhasa at Kanya Mandir Higher Secondary School in the 1950s to 70s, he created songs to inspire children to express themselves in their mother tongue. His songs became widely known throughout the Kathmandu Valley and collections of his children's songs have been





through over reprints and are still circulated today.

About the Illustrator Surendra Maharjan is a versatile and dedicated visual artist and freelance illustrator. He completed his MFA in Printmaking three years ago from the Central Department of Fine Arts, Tribhuvan University. Since graduating, he has immersed himself in illustrating, realizing the





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