

ENGLISH



MACAVITY - THE MYSTERY CAT

~Summary~

-by T. S. Eliot.

The poem "**Macavity: the Mystery Cat**" is written by **T. S. Eliot**. It talks about **Macavity**, a ginger cat who also goes by the name "**Hidden Paw**". He is a **master criminal** who is capable of committing a crime without leaving any evidence behind. His ability to vanish without a trace leaves both the **Scotland yard** and the **Flying Squad** baffled and in despair. He is known to have broken several laws, and the most astonishing being the **law of gravity**. His power of **levitation**, says the speaker, would make a **fakir** stare. Speaking of his appearance, he is **tall** and **thin** and has **hollow eyes**. He is not very keen on maintaining his physical appearance because his fur is **dirty**, and his whiskers are **uncombed**. He also tends to sway his head like a **snake**. But he is an alert cat because he is always wide **awake** even though he may appear to be **half asleep**. Macavity is not your regular cat as he is a criminal in the form of a cat. He is very mischievous and lacks **moral** values. He commits crimes, walks around in by-streets or a square as if he is guilt-free, but **vanishes** when his crime is discovered. Then, Macavity is nowhere to found.

~Conclusion~

The cat openly disobeys the laws and is a criminal. The Flying Squad running after him always fails to catch him as he is faster than them. Macavity can float in the air without any support and is thus a special cat.