

God Save Our Old Tom Cat

Traditional

God save our old tom cat. Please make him nice and fat. God save our cat.

7
Give his some mice to eat! Please make him wide his feet!

11
God save — our — old tom cat. God — save our cat.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the first line of the song. The second staff, starting with a measure rest '7', contains the second line. The third staff, starting with a measure rest '11', contains the third line and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined in the final line.

God Save Our Old Tom Cat

God save our old tom cat.
Please make him nice and fat.
God save our cat.
Give him some mice to eat.
Please make him wipe his feet.
God save our old tom cat.
God save our cat.

I don't know when and or from where Dad picked this up. I remember him singing it at home, one weekend afternoon, when I was about fourteen. That is the only time I remember hearing it sung.

Its cheeky impudence delighted me, in the same way that Dan's daring defiance of his mother had, when I was younger.

Although I am sixty, I am still the boy who enjoyed hearing his father sing. Lately, I have been surprised to realize just how formative an effect his singing had on me.

Source

As sung by Brendan Gallagher

Many variants of this parody are known in Britain, the United States, Australia and elsewhere.