

Cats in the Cradle

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Standard tuning

$\text{♩} = 170$

N-Gt

f
Capo. fret 1

5 5 7 5 8 5 7 5 7

T 7 0 0 7 0 7 0 0 7 0 0 7 5 7

A 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

B 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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

T 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

A 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

B 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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

T 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

A 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

B 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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

T 0 0 0 0 0 0 X 0 0 0 3 3 0 0 0

A 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

B 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

3 3 3 3 3 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

T 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

A 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

B 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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3	X-3	3-X-X	1-X-1	0-2	3-X-3	3-X-X	3-X-3	3-X-X
2	X-2	2-X-X	X-2	0-2	0-X-0	0-X-X	2-X-2	2-X-X
0	X-0	0-X-X	3-X-3	3-3	0-X-0	0-X-X	0-X-0	0-X-X

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

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1	0	0	3	5	3	5	3	5	3	3	3	3	X
2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	X
3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X

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X-1	1-1	1-X	X	X-1	1-1	1-X	X	X-3	3-3	3-X	X	X-3	3-3	3-X	X
X-0	0-0	0-X	X	X-2	2-2	2-X	X	X-2	2-2	2-X	X	X-2	2-2	2-X	X
X-2	2-2	2-X	X	X-3	3-3	3-X	X	X-0	0-0	0-X	X	X-0	0-0	0-X	X

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X-1	1-1	1-X	X	X-1	1-1	1-X	X	X-3	3-3	3-X	X	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
X-0	0-0	0-X	X	X-2	2-2	2-X	X	X-2	2-2	2-X	X	2-2	2-2	2-X	X
X-2	2-2	2-X	X	X-3	3-3	3-X	X	X-0	0-0	0-X	X	3-2	2-2	2-0	0-2

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X-7	7-7	7-7	7-7	5-5	5-5	5-5	7-5	X-8	7-7	5-5	5-7	5-7
X-7	7-7	7-7	7-7	7-7	7-7	7-7	7-5	7-8	7-7	7-7	7-7	7-7
X-7	7-7	7-7	7-7	7-7	7-7	7-7	7-5	7-8	7-7	7-7	7-7	7-7

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1	0	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	1	X	1
		2	X	2	(2)	2	X	X	2	X	2	(2)	2	X	X	2	X	2	(2)	2	X	X	2	X	2
		0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	3	X	3

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0	2	1	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	1	X	1
		2	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	2	X	2	(0)	0	X	X	2	X	2	(0)	0	X	X	2	X	2
		3	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	3	X	3

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0	2	1	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	1	1							
		2	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	2	X	2	(0)	0	X	X	0	0							
		3	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	3	2	2						

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

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3	X	X	1	X	1	(1)	1	X	X	1	X	1	(1)	1	X	X	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	3	X	3
						(3)	3	X	X	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	2	X	2	(2)	2	X	X	2	X	2
						(3)	3	X	X	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	0	X	0

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(3)	3	X	X	3	X	3	(1)	1	X	X	1	X	1	(1)	1	X	X	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
							(3)	3	X	X	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
							(3)	3	X	X	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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3	1	3	3	3	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	1	X	1	0	2	1	3	X	3
2	0	2	2	2	2	X	2	(2)	2	X	X	2	X	2	0	2	2	0	X	0
0	2	0	0	0	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	3	X	3	0	3	3	0	X	0
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(3)	3	X	X	3	X	3	(3)	3	3	3	X	3	3	3	X	X	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	1	X	1
(0)	0	X	X	2	X	2	(0)	2	2	2	X	2	2	2	X	2	2	X	2	(0)	2	X	X	2	X	2
(0)	0	X	X	0	X	4	(4)	4	4	4	X	4	4	4	X	X	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	3	X	3

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0	2	1	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	3	X	3	(3)	3	3	3	X	3	(2)	3	3	3	X	3
		2	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	2	X	2	(2)	2	2	2	X	2	(0)	2	2	2	X	2
		3	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	0	X	4	(4)	4	4	4	X	4	(4)	4	4	4	X	4

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(3)	3	X	X	1	1	(3)	3	3	3	X	3	(3)	3	3	3	X	3	(2)	3	3	3	X	3
(2)	2	X	X	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0
(4)	4	X	X	2	2	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	(4)	4	4	4	X	4	(4)	4	4	4	X	4
				3																			

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3	X	X	1	0	3	X	3	X	X	3													
2	X	X	0	2	2	X	2	X	X	2													
0	X	X	2	2	0	X	0	X	X	0													
			3																				

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			3	3	3	X	X	1	X	1	3	5	3	5	3								
			2	2	2	X	X	0	X	0	0	2	0	0	0								
			0	0	0	X	X	2	X	0	0	0	0	0	0								
			3	1	0			3		2													

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5	3	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	1	X	1	(1)	1	X	X	1	X	1	(1)	1	X	X	3	X	3
0	0	0	X	2	(2)	2	X	X	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	2	X	2	(2)	2	X	X	2	X	2
0	0	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	2	X	2	(2)	2	X	X	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	0	X	0

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(3)	3	X	X	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	1	X	1	(1)	1	X	X	1	X	1	(1)	1	X	X	3	X	3
(2)	2	X	X	2	X	2	(2)	2	X	X	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	2	X	2	(2)	2	X	X	2	X	2
(0)	0	X	X	0	X	0	(0)	0	X	X	2	X	2	(2)	2	X	X	3	X	3	(3)	3	X	X	0	X	0

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(3)	3	X	X	1	1	1	1	(3)	3	X	X	1	1	1	1	3	3	(3)	3	X	X	1	1	1	1	3	3
(2)	2	X	X	0	0	0	0	(2)	2	X	X	0	0	0	0	2	2	(2)	2	X	X	0	0	0	0	2	2
(0)	0	X	X	2	2	2	2	(0)	0	X	X	2	2	2	2	X	3	(0)	0	X	X	2	2	2	2	2	2

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(3)	3	X	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	7	7	7	X	X	5	5	5	7	5	5	(3)	3	X	X	1	1
(2)	2	X	X	0	0	0	0	X	X	7	7	7	X	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	(2)	2	X	X	0	0
(0)	0	X	X	2	2	2	2	X	X	7	7	7	X	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	X	3	2	2

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8	5	5	1	0	2
0	0	7	0	7	3
0	0	0	0	3	0