

"For he's the master criminal
who can defy the Law,"
"The Mystery Cat" --T.S. Eliot

VILLAINOUS VILLANELLE
(Macavity vs. Catwoman)

His charm belies his felon's face.
No common thieving tomcat he,
No feline hood can take his place.

Elegant image of all that's base,
Seductive sneer and dark esprit,
His charm belies his felon's face.

Classical evil and black-clad grace,
Profligate agent of conjury;
No feline hood can take his place.

His cunning footpads leave no trace,
However long his claws may be.
His charm belies his felon's face.

No copy-puss can keep apace--
Water compared to Burgundy.
No feline hood can take his place.

No one resists his fanged embrace,
No matter the fate or final fee.
His charm belies his felon's face;
No feline hood can take his place.

--Glenna Holloway