

## Full Score - sample

## Cool Bob

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$\text{♩} = 138$  Swing the eighths  $\text{♩} = \overset{3}{\text{♩}}$

**E<sup>b</sup>**

Percussion intro

6 **(E<sup>b</sup>)**

I had an awe - some kit - ty who had a crook - ed tail. He was

9 **(E<sup>b</sup>)** **A<sup>b</sup>**

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12 **E<sup>b</sup>**

named my cat the same; so Cool Bob man and Cool Bob cat went to Hol - ly - wood for fame. They

15  $B^b$  A  $A^b$

asked us when we got there, "What can you cool Bobs do?" "We can

17  $E^b$  A Instrumental verse

play some groov-in' mu-sic. Have a lis-ten, here's a tune."

20 ( $E^b$ )  $A^b$

24  $E^b$

# Cool Bob

I had an awesome kitty who had a crooked tail.  
 He was black and white and orange and he studied Jazz at Yale.  
 Since I was known as "Cool Bob", I named my cat the same,  
 So Cool Bob man and Cool Bob cat went to Hollywood for fame.  
 They asked us when we got there, "What can you Cool Bobs do?"  
 "We can play some groovin' music. Have a listen, here's a tune."

I love to play piano and Bob cat, he loves to drum,  
 And both of us together, we tap our toes and hum.  
 We will play a lot of concerts (we musicians call them gigs),  
 We will play the kind of music that the music critics dig.  
 We'll rock and roll all mornin' and sign autographs at noon,  
 We'll sell them for a dollar and make millions pretty soon.

We were gettin' kinda hungry and we had no place to go.  
 We knew we had to make a plan  
 and make ourselves some dough.  
 We found an old guitar case and we set it on the street.  
 We played our groovin' music with the happ'nin' dancin' beat.  
 The people threw in money as they listened to our act.  
 We're Cool Bob man, the person,  
 and Cool Bob cat, the cat....Yeah!

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## Composer's Anecdote

I was teaching a grade one class and I decided to create a nonsense poem with my students. Their suggestions were put into the poem and I tried to make it rhyme.

The original version only had two verses, but for this recording and songbook, the musicians playing the jazz/blues music track were so good, we wanted to hear more of their music. I kept the name "Cool Bob", changed the story to be about two jazz musicians, and added more verses. If you consider the original "Cool Bob" was written in 1993, and this newly revised and rewritten version was finished in 2005, it took twelve years to write this song!

The lesson to be learned from all this may be: always be open to revising your writing if you think it can be improved. It could turn out to be better than the original.

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