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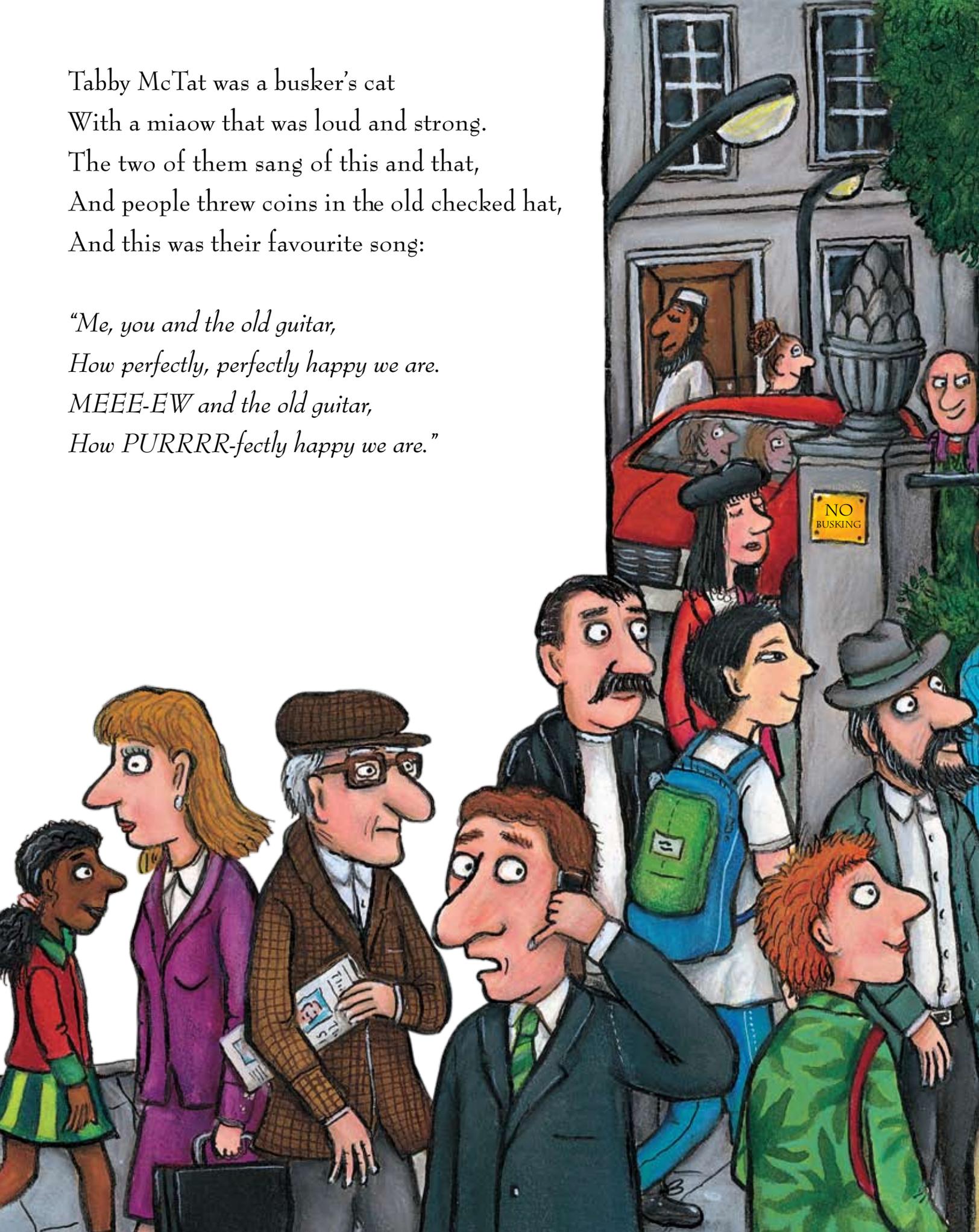
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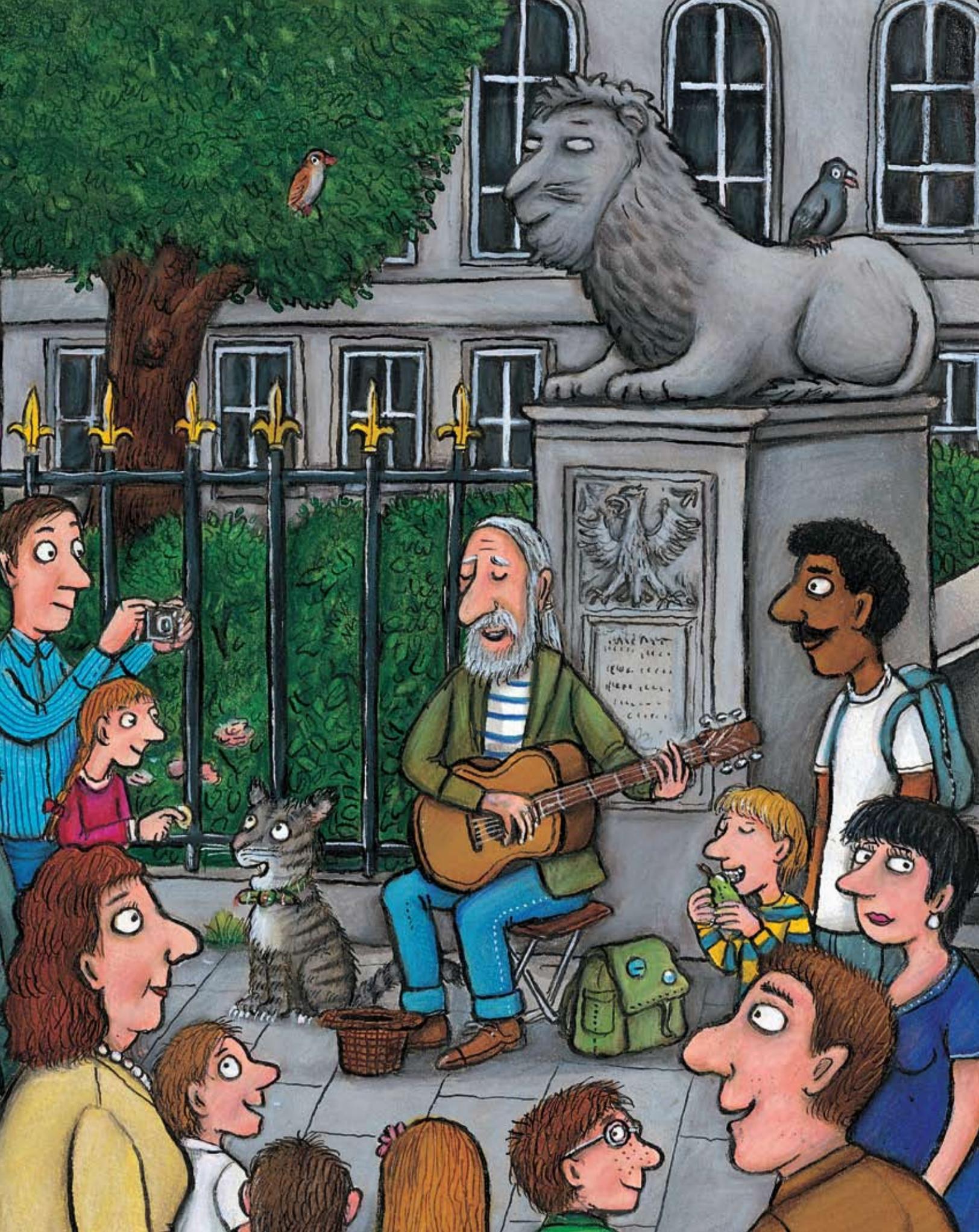


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Tabby McTat was a busker's cat  
With a miaow that was loud and strong.  
The two of them sang of this and that,  
And people threw coins in the old checked hat,  
And this was their favourite song:

*"Me, you and the old guitar,  
How perfectly, perfectly happy we are.  
MEEE-EW and the old guitar,  
How PURRRR-fectly happy we are."*





One morning, while Fred ate some bacon and bread,  
McTat took a stroll round the block,



Then stopped – for there on a doorstep sat  
A gorgeously glossy and green-eyed cat.  
She was black with one snowy white sock.





Sock and McTat had a cat-to-cat chat  
And that's how their story began,  
For while they were chatting of this and of that . . .