



# LYRICS

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## WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY

Here is the story  
Of a serious cat  
A very well dressed cat  
Who lived in a house

It was a small crowded house  
With more than one mouse  
More mice than you'd ever seen  
That house was hard to keep clean

### CHORUS

And when the cat is away the mice will play  
The mice will play and play and play  
And when the cat came back all the mice will say  
Mais non monsieur le chat, On joue encore avec ça  
Vous pouvez rester là, Mais nous on y va  
Oh no mister cat, we're not done playing that  
You're welcome to stay, But we're on our way

Now early each morning  
Whether sunny or storming  
Mister cat went to work  
As a hotel desk clerk

And he'd come each night  
To a terrible sight  
So he dared to suggest  
That the mice clean up their mess

### CHORUS

And when the cat is away the mice will play  
The mice will play and play and play  
And when the cat came back all the mice will say  
Peut-être un jour monsieur le chat. On ne sais pas  
Mais aujourd'hui mon p'tit chou, on veut jouer et c'est tout  
Perhaps mister cat, we will think about that  
But as far as today, we would much rather play

Then one day mister cat  
Had an idea in his hat  
To get the mice to do cleaning  
From the floor to the ceiling

So he invented new games  
With catchy new names  
Like tidy-up tag  
And race to fill the trash bag

### CHORUS

And when the cat is away the mice will play  
The mice will play and play and play  
And when the cat came back all the mice will say  
Bien sûr monsieur le chat, on veut jouer avec toi  
Nous sommes tous amis, oui chat et souris  
Oh yes mister cat, we'd love play that  
It's so very nice to be friends cat and mice

### CHORUS

And when the cat is away the mice will play  
The mice will play and play and play  
And when the cat is away the mice will play, the mice will  
play all day  
And when the cat is away the mice will play  
The mice will play and play and play  
And when the cat comes back all the mice would say  
Monsieur le chat, vient donc jouer avec nous