

The Curious Case of....

The Curious Case of Penelope Pugh
Had baffled the police in 2002
She lived in a Care Home in Blackberry Mews
In a seaside resort with some breathtaking views.

The armchairs were comfy, and too good to refuse
With their silky soft cushions, just right for a snooze!
The food was delicious, the meat never tough
And no-one complained there was never enough.

The sea glittered and sparkled with rays from the sun,
The beach busy with families enjoying some fun.
The lighthouse would wink through the windows at night
Giving all those who lived there such joy and delight

When Penelope Pugh left the building one day
Her friends watched as she left in her coat of dark grey.
She was known to enjoy a brisk walk in the park,
But each time would return long before it got dark.

She walked out the door with a look of intent,
Had she planned to meet up with some good-looking gent?
Perhaps she was tempted to live somewhere new
With a suitor who shared the same dreams to pursue.

But by nightfall the residents raised the alarm
Worried that she may have come to some harm.
The police were informed and a search was conducted
Concerned that Penelope had been abducted.

The townsfolk joined police in their wide-reaching searches,
They combed the town park and the dark dusty churches.
Fears grew when it seemed that she couldn't be found
Did she wander too close to the sea and had drowned?

News teams were alerted, then came TV crews
The story was told on the BBC news
With no clues to follow the trail soon went cold
And the Blackberry Mews folk could not be consoled

Two months passed and the police were shocked when she returned,
She strode into the Police Station quite unconcerned.
So, a de-brief was held at which was decided
That what they'd been told was somewhat misguided.

The curious case of this missing old lady
Was no longer considered abnormal or shady,
For although she was cold, with hair matted and flat,
Penelope Pugh was the Care Home's pet cat.

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