

# Trim, the Circumnavigating Cat

Am



Born on the high seas in the wild south In - di - an Oc - ean,

5 G Am



Sail - or, as - tro - no - mer, na - vi - gat - or, ob - ject of de - vo - tion, He was

9 Am F



first to cir - cum - na - vi - gate Aus - tral - ia that's a doc - u - ment - ed un - dis - put - ed fact, You may

13 G G7 C G7



think that I am sing - ing a - bout Cap - tain Mat - thew Flin - ders but I'm sing - ing a - bout Trim, his cat! Let's

17 C Em



sing a song to cel - eb - rate his fe - line feats of ex - plo - ra - tion

21 C C



Trim the cir - cum - nav - i - gat - ing cat, Ex -

25 C Em



traord - in - ar - y sail - or round the globe and round Aus - tra - lia

29 G G7 C



Trim the cir - cum - nav - i - gat - ing cat.

Born on the high seas in the wild South Indian Ocean  
 Sailor, astronomer, navigator, object of devotion  
 He was the first to circumnavigate Australia, that's a documented undisputed fact  
 You may think that I am singing about Capt. Matthew Flinders, but I'm singing about Trim, his cat

*Chorus:*

Let's sing a song to celebrate his feline feats of exploration  
 Trim the circumnavigating cat  
 Extraordinary sailor, round the globe and round Australia  
 Trim the circumnavigating cat

With his (silky) fur as black as night, and his paws all snowy white, like his chest  
He was exceedingly intelligent and obviously elegantly dressed  
When it was time to hoist the sails it was Trim who never failed to be the first one up the mast  
And he helped the navigators with their astral observations, traveling the ocean vast

*Chorus*

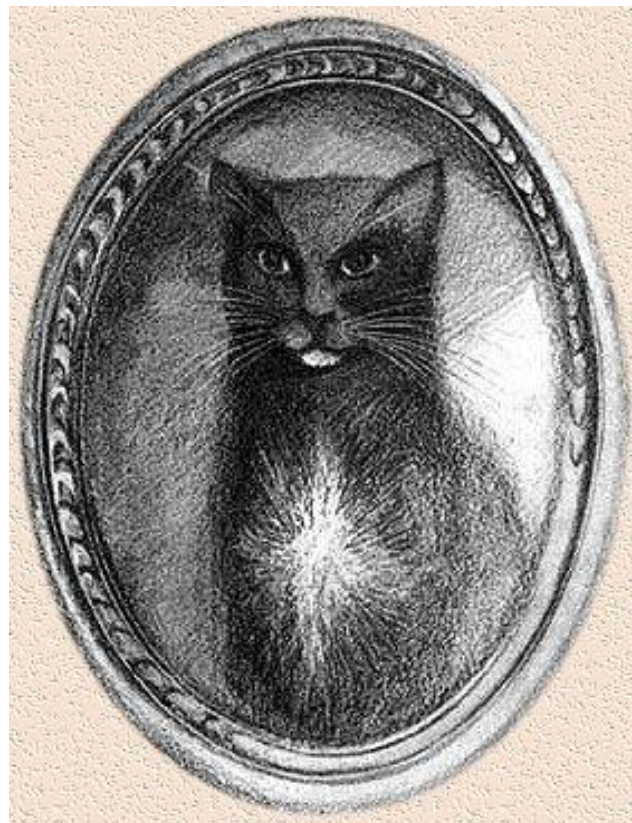
Trim was Flinders' best companion, inseparable on land and sea (*how very nice*)  
The two of them both loved to feel the thrill of new discoveries (*and catching mice*)  
Till they were caught, accused of spying, which was most unedifying - into prison went the crew  
And with sadness I relate ... Trim then met his awful fate ... when he found himself in a stew (*literally*)  
Yes, the good folk of Mauritius clearly thought he was delicious ...  
Trim the circumnavigating (*Yes, he had them salivating*), Trim the circumnavigating cat

*Chorus*

... Trim the circumnavigating  
*Despite his end humiliating*  
*Flinders found him fascinating*  
Trim the circumnavigating  
*Once more recapitulating*  
Trim the circumnavigating cat

*Note: lines in italics are sung to the tune of bars 29 and 30.*

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*Trim, drawn by Matthew Flinders*