

How Night Came

*Now before there was only night,
There was only light –
And this is the story
Of how darkness came.*

During the day, the sun shone and in the evening along came the moon so bright that it was light all the time.

God called the bat and gave him a basket tied up tight. Bat was told to fly to the moon with the basket. So bat set out, but the journey was long and the journey was hard. In the end, poor bat became so tired, he had to stop to rest.

While bat slept, some other creatures came along. Curious about the contents of the basket, they approached. Some say it was coyote but I don't know the truth... anyway, one of them opened the basket just in case there was something good to eat inside.

Too late – out leapt the darkness.

You can imagine the animal's surprise. One moment it was quite bright and the next moment it was pitch dark. They all stared up at the moon, grateful for its thin, silvery light.

Ever since then, poor old bat has had to sleep all day because at night he is too busy frantically fluttering about, trying to catch the darkness to take it to the moon.

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