

A Child's Garden of Verses: The Moon

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The moon has a face like the clock in the hall;
She shines on thieves on the garden wall,
On streets and fields and harbor quays,
And birdies asleep in the forks of the trees.

The squalling cat and the squeaking mouse,
The howling dog by the door of the house,
The bat that lies in bed at noon,
All love to be out by the light of the moon.

But all of the things that belong to the day
Cuddle to sleep to be out of her way;
And flowers and children close their eyes
Till up in the morning the sun shall arise.

Answer the following questions about the poem.

1. What is the face of the moon compared with?

2. What creatures love to be out in darkness?

3. Who waits for morning to be awake?

4. Look at the last words of the poetry lines.
Write two of the words that rhyme.

5. Write another pair of words from the poem
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Student's answers may vary.
Examples of correct answers.

1. What is the face of the moon compared with?

the clock in the hall

2. What creatures love to be out in darkness?

the cat, mouse, dog, and bat

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