

Evening

This is a poem written by Thomas Miller. It describes evening and a child preparing to go to sleep. It also highlights his belief that God watches all of us over the world.

READ AND DISCOVER

- ▶ Read the poem aloud in the class with correct pronunciation and rhythm.
- ▶ Ask six groups in the class to learn one stanza each and recite it.
- ▶ Correct the pronunciation of each group.
- ▶ Explain the poem stanzawise; explain words and phrases which are new, e.g., birds have ‘sought their nests’; ‘the old wood rests’; ‘God rules the stars and sea’.
- ▶ Ask the students if they too say a prayer in the night before they sleep. If not, teach them a small prayer, e.g., (This is non-denominational) “Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
- ▶ Watch me through the starry night
- ▶ “And wake me with the morning light.”

Outcome: Reciting, understanding and enjoying the poem – pronunciation and rhythm

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- ▶ Exercises A and B: Ask the students to do these on their own. Then, teacher can announce the correct answers aloud in the class and students can correct them in pairs.
- ▶ Exercise C: Ask the students one question at a time and then ask the students to give answers. When a correct answer emerges, the teacher can write the answers on the blackboard. Students can transcribe them in their books.
- ▶ Exercise D: Students will do this exercise on their own.