

I love the Darkness!

I love the darkness!
As I snuggle beneath the covers,
Strange shapes and beings soon appear.

My carelessly dropped clothes,
Become the den of some wild creature.
Which might jump up and bite my toes.
My wardrobe a great lumbering giant,
Leaning heavily against my bathroom wall.
Passing cars half light up my stuffed monkey,
Who hangs from the curtain pole,
Just like he is about to swing down on my bed,
And screech in my ear.
The belt of my dressing gown blowing in the breeze,
Is a slithering snake that slides slyly under my pillow.

Suddenly a light blinds my eyes,
I slowly open them, to see the monkey,
Hanging from the curtain pole,
The giant tucked up inside my wardrobe,
The snake slipped back inside my dressing gown
pocket.

Strange creatures, slip back into the shadows.
They hate that light, like me.
I love the darkness!



I love the Darkness!

Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

This poem is about

- 1 **daylight.** **night time.** **darkness.** **bedtime.**

In the poem strange shapes and

- 2 **monsters** **beings** **animals** **aliens**

appear. Carelessly dropped clothes become the den of

- 3 **thieves.** **some wild creature.**
badgers. **children.**

My wardrobe becomes a great lumbering

- 4 **robot.** **monster.** **giant.** **creature.**

My stuffed monkey is about to

- 5 **swing down** **jump** **crawl** **scamper**

on my bed. My dressing gown belt becomes a

- 6 **slithering snake.** **flapping flag.**
kite's tail. **waving banner.**

Suddenly, light makes the creatures slip back into the shadows.

Section B

- Why do you think the writer 'loves the darkness'?
- What does the phrase 'snuggle beneath the covers' mean?
- Do you think 'strange shapes and beings' really appear?
- What is 'a great lumbering giant'?
- What does the phrase 'screech in my ear' mean?
- 'Suddenly a light blinds my eyes.' What happens when the light appears?
- What do you think could have caused the light to suddenly appear?

Section C

Write your own poem about darkness.

Page 49 - I Love the Darkness

Section A

- 1) darkness.
- 2) beings
- 3) some wild creature.
- 4) giant.
- 5) swing down
- 6) slithering snake.

Section B

- 1) He can use his imagination
- 2) Make himself comfortable under the duvet/blankets on his bed.
- 3) No it his just his imagination.
- 4) The wardrobe.
- 5) Make a loud piecing scream.
- 6) For a moment he can't see.
- 7) Open ended. Accept an answer with supporting statement.