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A Sound Like Someone Trying Not to Make A Sound by John Irving. PZ 7 .I675 So 2004
When Tom is awakened by the sound of a “monster,” he tells his father what he thinks he heard.

Calypso Dreaming by Charles Butler. PZ 7 .B9745 CA 2002
Tanya and her parents go to an remote island for the summer and encounter a strange child whose dreams come true.

Close Your Eyes by Jean Marzollo. PZ 8 .3 .M4194 CL 1981
A lullaby interspersed with illustrations of a father’s efforts to put his reluctant child to bed.

Dreams Are More Real Than Bathtubs by Susan Musgrave. PZ 7 .M369 DR 1998
Grownups sometimes tell you that dreams are not real. This little girl knows differently. In her world, dreams are much more real than bathtubs, houses, purple shoes, worms...even the first day of school.

Emperor of Absurdia by Chris Riddell. PZ 7 .R41618 Emp 2006
Absurdia is a strange and wonderful land where nothing is quite what it seems. Join one small boy as he tumbles out of bed into a dreamland of monsters, dragons, and adventures.

Every Single Night by Dominique Demers & Nicolas Debon. PZ 7 .D3922 Ev 2006
It’s the same every night: Simon doesn’t want to go to bed. And once he’s lying down he can’t close his eyes until his father climbs the stairs and begins their nightly ritual. The world must be put to sleep. Continent by continent, habitat by habitat, even the imaginary realm of elves, princesses, and fairies must succumb to Simon’s father’s dreamy incantations, before Simon can deliciously relax and let himself go.

Free Fall by David Wiesner. PZ 7 .W6367 FR 1988
A young boy dreams of daring adventures in the company of imaginary creatures inspired by the things surrounding his bed.

In a green room, tucked away in bed, is a little bunny. “Goodnight room, goodnight moon.” And to all the familiar things in the softly lit room—to the picture of the three little bears sitting in chairs, to the clock and his socks, to the mittens and the kittens, to everything one by one—he says goodnight.

Goodnight, Goodnight by Eve Rice. PZ 7 .R3622 Gro 1980
Goodnight comes to all the people in the town and to the little cat as well.

Half A Moon and One Whole Star by Crescent Dragonwagon. PZ 8 .3 .D77 HAL 1990
The summer night is full of wonderful sounds and scents as Susan falls asleep.

Hoot by Jane Hissey. PZ 7 .H627 Ho 1997
Little Bear hears a noise in the middle of the night, and when he and the other toys go to investigate, they make a new friend.

How Sleep Found Tabitha by Maggie de Vries. PZ 7 .D497 MD 2002
Tabitha can’t sleep! One by one, the things she cherishes offer to help her.

A long day is drawing to a close, and several creatures are ready for sleep. A cat with a stroller full of kittens needs a place to rest, as does the baby who’s been sailing a boat on the sea. The man in the moon is exhausted, and three tired bears make their weary way up a flight of stairs.

If I Were the Moon by Sheree Fitch. PZ 8 .3 .F58 If 1999
If I were the moon I’d beam down my light shine into your bedroom to warm up the night...
Imagine A Night by Rob Gonsalves
Imagine a night when you can ride your bike right up the stairs to your bed. Imagine a night when your toy train rumbles on its tracks out of your room and roars back in, full sized, ready for you to hop on for a nighttime adventure. Imagine a night when a farmer plays a lullaby on his fiddle, and his field of sunflowers begins to dip and sway to the rhythm. Imagine a night when ordinary objects magically become extraordinary...a night when it is possible to believe the impossible.

It Is Not Time For Sleeping by Lisa Graff, Lauren Castillo
Bedtime is near, but from the end of dinner until lights are turned off, it is not really time for sleeping until a child receives a special good night wish.

Just Like You by Jan Fearnley
Mama Mouse and Little Mouse, having seen and heard various animal parents pledging their love to their children, tell each other how special they are.

Lester's Overnight by Kay Chorao
Lester's overnight with Auntie Belle is nothing like home.

Moonlight by Jan Ormerod
As her parents attempt to help a child fall asleep at bedtime, they themselves become more and more sleepy.

Nicole's Boat: A Good-Night Story by Allen Morgan
Just before it is time to sleep, Nicole settles into bed with all her animals. She becomes the captain of their boat as they prepare to sail away. When her father comes in to say goodnight, he tells Nicole a wonderful sail-away story.

Night Cars by Teddi Jam
It's late night in the city. From his father's shoulder, a sleepless baby watches the snow drift down from the sky onto the busy street below. What are all those noises? What are all those lights? His tired but patient father explains everything.

Night Flight by Joanne Ryder
At night after falling asleep, Anna flies to her favorite park which is now filled with crocodiles, monkeys, and a lion who takes her to his secret waterfall.

Night the Stars Flew by Jo Ellen Bogart
From her bedroom on the third floor, Millie can see lots of things in her favorite tree: branches swaying in the wind, squirrels searching for pinecones, tiny black-eyed birds. One warm summer night Millie sees something she's never seen before: a strange spot of pale bluish light. Millie tells her busy parents, who say it must be a star and send her back to bed, but Millie knows it can't be a star.

Pea and the Princess by Mini Grey
Once upon a time there was an enchanting fairytale about a prince who was looking for a real princess to be his bride. The only way to tell whether the many princesses who applied for the post were really royal, legend had it, was to see if they would be able to feel a tiny little pea through dozens of luxurious mattresses as they slept... All well and enchanting, but has anyone stopped to think about how all this might have felt for the pea in question? No. So here, for the first time, straight from the pea, is the truth about this much-loved, oft-repeated fairytale.

Singing the Dark by Gail Sproatle
A nightly routine becomes a gentle ritual in this special bedtime story. When evening comes, a little girl asks her mother, "Will you sing the dark tonight?"
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*Sleepy Little Lion* by Margaret Wise Brown  
A baby lion tells his mother that he wants to see the world. So, he leaves his mother and sets out to see the world. He meets several interesting animals and people along the way but he just can’t keep his eyes open.

*Sleepy Little Mouse* by Eugenie Fernandes  
Little Mouse doesn’t want to take a nap – she wants to stay up and play!

*Star Climbing* by Lou Fancher  
When he cannot sleep, a little boy imagines himself on a nighttime journey across the sky where he can run and dance with star constellations.

*Who is Sleeping in Aunty’s Bed?* by Kathy Stinson  
Family members hop from bed to bed in search of a good night’s sleep, but Aunty’s house is just too full of snoring, wriggling, singing and blanket hogging to sleep.

**Find More in Salmon Arm:**

*Bedtime For Bear* by Bonny Becker  
A small but effervescent overnight guest tries the patience of a curmudgeonly bear who needs absolute quiet to fall asleep.

*Baby Who Wouldn’t Go to Bed* by Helen Cooper  
A baby who does not want to go to bed has a series of imaginary encounters with a tiger, soldiers, the moon, and others, all of whom convince him to change his mind.

*Bedtime Without Arthur* by Jessica Meserve  
Arthur, Bella’s very special bear, protects her from monsters when she sleeps, but when Arthur goes missing one night, Bella makes an interesting discovery.

*Ben Over Night* by Sarah Ellis  
Ben likes nothing more than to go over to Peter’s house. When the two friends play together, Ben can be anything he wants: a pirate, a musician, a cook. He can even be a potato! But when it comes to sleepovers, all Ben can think about is going home - right away.

*Can’t You Sleep, Little Bear?* by Martin Waddell  
When bedtime comes Little Bear is afraid of the dark, until Big Bear brings him lights and love.

*Cat Dreams* by Ursula Le Guin  
 Presents a feline dreamland where it rains mice, all the dogs have run away, and a big bowl of kibbles and cream is waiting.

*Dream Collector* by Trow Harrison  
Pirates, a dragon, a dinosaur and more! Zachary’s dreams are over-running the neighbourhood. He must round them up before dawn or else they’ll become real.

*Dreamkeeper: A Letter to Alice Elizabeth From Her Grandfather, Robert Ingpen* by Robert Ingpen  
In his letter to Alice, Grandfather describes how the Dreamkeeper captures the dreams that are full of dragons, witches, goblins, and elves, and keeps them safely away in dreamland.

*Franklin in the Dark* by Paulette Bourgeois  
A turtle afraid of small dark places, and therefore of crawling into his shell, asks a variety of animals for advice, only to find out that each has a fear of its own.
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**Jinnie the Ghost** by Berlie Doherty
Jinnie the ghost makes children’s dreams come true and takes away their fears.

**Mama, Why?** by Karina Wilson
A sleepy polar bear cub asks its mother questions about the night sky as he gets ready to go to sleep.

**Matthew’s Dragon** by Susan Cooper
The dragon in Matthew’s picture book comes to life and takes him for an amazing nocturnal ride.

**Molly and the Night Monster** by Chris Wormell
When Molly wakes up in the middle of the night, she hears the sound of a step on the stairs. It could be a crocodile creeping up to catch her... Or a giant giraffe outside on the landing... Or an enormous elephant turning the doorknob and opening the door... Or even a night monster come to gobble her up... But when Molly surprises the tiptoeing beast, she gets an even bigger surprise of her own!

**Night Walker** by Richard Thompson
A boy collects objects from the wilderness to take back home. As his pouch fills with treasure, the boy hears behind him strange sounds that get louder and louder. He wonders if the dreaded Night Walker has come to snatch him, or has his imagination carried him too far.

**Night-Time Tale** by Ruth Brown
The little one has had a bad dream. He dreamt he was lost in a dark forest, and found a house all made of sweets. But before he could enjoy eating any, an old witch came and frightened him away. He ran straight into a girl in a red cloak, on her way to her grandmother’s. But he took one look at the grandmother and was so frightened he ran away again, and this time found himself at the base of a giant beanstalk. A giant tumbled down it and created a huge hole in the ground, and the little one fell into the hole with a bump! And then he woke up. So he climbs in with Mama Bear, and goes back to sleep, much happier. But who is that climbing into his little bed? Could it be Goldilocks?

**Oliver Who Would Not Sleep!** by Mara Bergman
Oliver Donnington Rimington-Sweep avoids falling asleep by flying his rocket ship to Mars.

**On the Morn of Mayfest** by Erica Silverman
In this cumulative rhyme, a sleepwalking girl inadvertently starts a parade on the morning of Mayfest.

**Sleeping Dragons All Around** by Sheree Fitch
A book of poems that take the fear out of nighttime demons.

**Sleepy Boy** by Polly Kanevsky
Unable to fall asleep, a little boy lying next to his father experiences the various sensations of his body and remembers a lion cub he saw that day at the zoo.

**There’s A Nightmare in My Closet** by Mercer Mayer
A young boy knows that there is a big, scary nightmare living in his bedroom closet. Each night, before he goes to bed, the boy makes sure that the closet door is shut tight, because if he left it open, the nightmare would come out as soon as he turns off the lights. However, one night the boy decides he’s tired of being scared, and determines to get rid of the nightmare in his closet once and for all.

**Tuesday** by David Wiesner
Frogs rise on their lily pads, float through the air, and explore the nearby houses while their inhabitants sleep.