

## Don't be scared

The dark is only a blanket  
for the moon to put on her bed.  
The dark is a private cinema  
for the movie dreams in your head.  
The dark is a little black dress  
to show off the sequin stars.  
The dark is the wooden hole  
behind the strings of happy guitars.  
The dark is a jeweller's velvet cloth  
where children sleep like pearls.  
The dark is a spool of film  
to photograph boys and girls,  
so smile in your sleep in the dark.  
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