


## Welcome to the Night



To all of you who crawl and creep,  
who buzz and chirp and hoot and peep,  
who wake at dusk and throw off sleep:  
Welcome to the night.

To you who make the forest sing,  
Who dip and dodge on silent wing,  
Who flutter, hover, clasp and cling,  
Welcome to the night!

Come feel the cool and shadowed breeze,  
Come smell your way among the trees,  
Come touch rough bark and leathery leaves:  
Welcome to the night.

The night's a sea of dappled dark,  
The night's a feast of sound and spark,  
The night's a wild, enchanted park,  
Welcome to the night!

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