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## Early Childhood Themes —Time Kit

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# Time

Teacher's Guide



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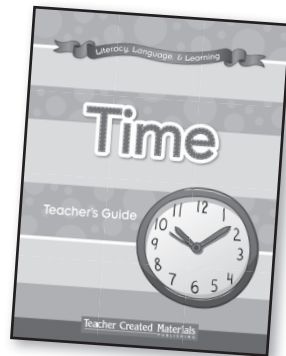
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## Introduction

Welcome to the world of early childhood education. Young children love to play, get dirty, and discover. As a teacher, you have the task of introducing them to the world of school. You will need to plan meaningful activities for the children in your classroom. These experiences allow them to discover new things in a safe, nonjudgmental environment and feel successful. The lessons and materials in this kit support the importance of play and meaningful experiences.

The components of this kit can create a captivating unit around the theme. The main resource for the teacher is the *Time Teacher's Guide*. In it, teachers can find quick and easy lessons in the following areas: literacy, phonemic awareness and phonics, math,



social studies, science, music and movement, and art. Within each section are five lesson plans. The Menu of Lesson Choices on pages 36–37 provides a quick overview of the contents of the lessons. Each lesson provides details on the materials needed and procedures of the lesson.

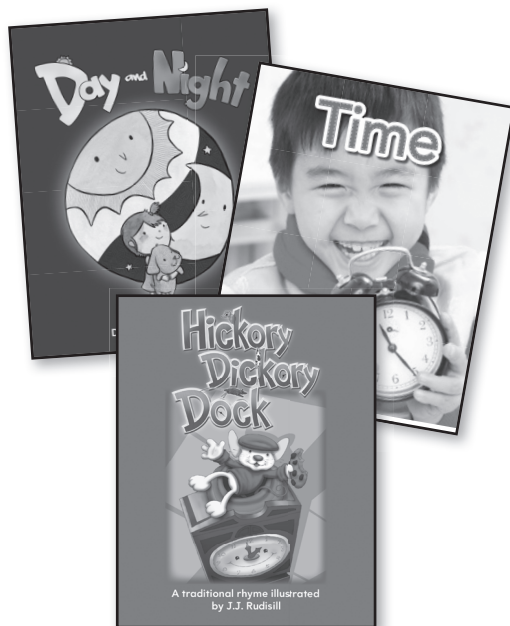
The eight vocabulary concept cards are core to many of the lessons. These cards provide clear and detailed photographs depicting different times of the day. They are bright and colorful and give the children images to which they can relate concepts about families as they are being discussed throughout the unit. The backs of the cards include activities that teachers can use for activating prior knowledge, developing phonemic awareness and phonics, and building knowledge and comprehension.



## Introduction *(cont.)*

The three books included in this kit provide the literature foundation for the theme. The concept book, *Day and Night*, provides pictorial support for the children's understanding of time. A wordless photo book, *Time*, helps develop the children's oral language as they discuss and create a story that shows all kinds of activities that are done throughout the day. A book created around the traditional nursery rhyme "Hickory Dickory Dock" provides a beautifully illustrated way for the children to access and read print.

Each of these books is also provided as an enlarged "lap size" book for teacher read-aloud as children gather around for storytime and other learning activities.



The Audio CD included in the kit provides audio of the theme-related songs (pages 76–81), both as instrumentals and with vocals, and audio of the concept book *Day and Night* and the traditional rhyme book *Hickory Dickory Dock*.

The Digital Resource CD included in the back of this Teacher's Guide provides a variety of features to supplement the lessons: all patterns from this Teacher's Guide (pages 82–104) in both color and black and white; the vocabulary word cards from this Teacher's Guide (pages 105–106) in both color and black and white; each of the books in this kit in electronic format with page-turning capabilities; each of the books in this kit in pdf format; additional resources from this Teacher's Guide; video clips to support the kit content and vocabulary; and interactive whiteboard activities to support the lessons. Complete descriptions of the contents of the CDs, as well as instructions for their use, can be found on pages 109–122.



# Analog Clock



- *analog clock* vocabulary concept card
- Analog Clock Page (p. 85)
- analog clock (optional)
- sticky note
- crayons or markers

## Procedure

- 1 Prior to the lesson, make enough copies of the Analog Clock Page for each child.
- 2 Gather children together on the rug or in their chairs.
- 3 Introduce the *analog clock* vocabulary concept card. Discuss the picture on the front of the card. Ask children to share their ideas about the picture. Explain that they will learn about the numbers on a clock.
- 4 If possible, show them a real analog clock.
  - Ask them how many big numbers are on the clock.
  - Have them name the numbers.
- 5 Cover up a number with a sticky note and have children figure out which number is missing. Have a child come up and write the missing number on the board. Do this several times so that each number is covered up at least once.
- 6 Show children the Analog Clock Page. Explain that they will make their own clocks.
  - Have them trace the numbers that are traceable and fill in the numbers that are missing.
  - Have them color the clock hands.



You may wish to use the Math interactive whiteboard activity. See the Digital Resource CD.



## Extension

Put a variety of analog clocks with movable hands in a tub. Encourage children to use the clocks during free-choice time to show different times.

# analog clock



# analog clock



## Connecting Pieces: Activating Prior Knowledge

Gather children together on the rug. Show them the picture on the front of the card. Have them take turns describing what they see. Read the words and the sentence aloud to children. Have them repeat the words after you. Ask children what analog clocks are used for (*tells what time it is*), what shape the clock is (*a circle*), and how many hands are on the clock (*three*).



## Building Blocks: Phonemic Awareness

- Show children the front of the card. Point to the word *analog*. Write the word *analog* on the board. Ask children to name each letter in the word. Ask them to say the sound the letter *a* makes in the first part of *analog*. Have children practice making the /ă/ sound.
- Ask children to name words that begin with the /ă/ sound. Record their responses on the board. When children are finished naming words, read the list and underline the letter *a* in each word. Ask them to repeat each word.
- Repeat this process with the other letters in the word *analog*.



## New Ideas: Building Knowledge and Comprehension

- Gather children together on the rug. Show the front of the card again. Read the sentence to children, pointing to each word as you read it aloud. Ask them to read the sentence with you, as you point to the words.
- Show children the second hand and minute hand on the picture. Explain that the second hand moves much faster than the minute hand. If possible, show children a real analog clock. Let them watch the minute and second hand for one minute. Ask children to share what they notice. Lead them to the idea that the second hand moves all the way around the clock before the minute hand moves once.



# Time Songs (cont.)

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## Tick Tock, Tick Tock

*(Sung to the tune of "Baa Baa, Black Sheep")*

*Lyrics by Heidi Kellenberger and Dona Herweck Rice*

*(Move head or one arm side to side while singing this song.)*

Tick tock, tick tock, time goes by so fast.  
Why, oh, why, oh, does it pass?

Seconds each minute.

Minutes each hour.

Hours each day chime from the clock tower.

Tick tock, tick tock, time goes by so fast.  
Why, oh, why, oh, does it pass?

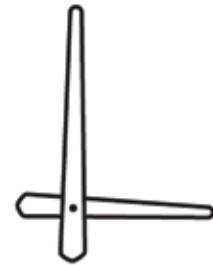
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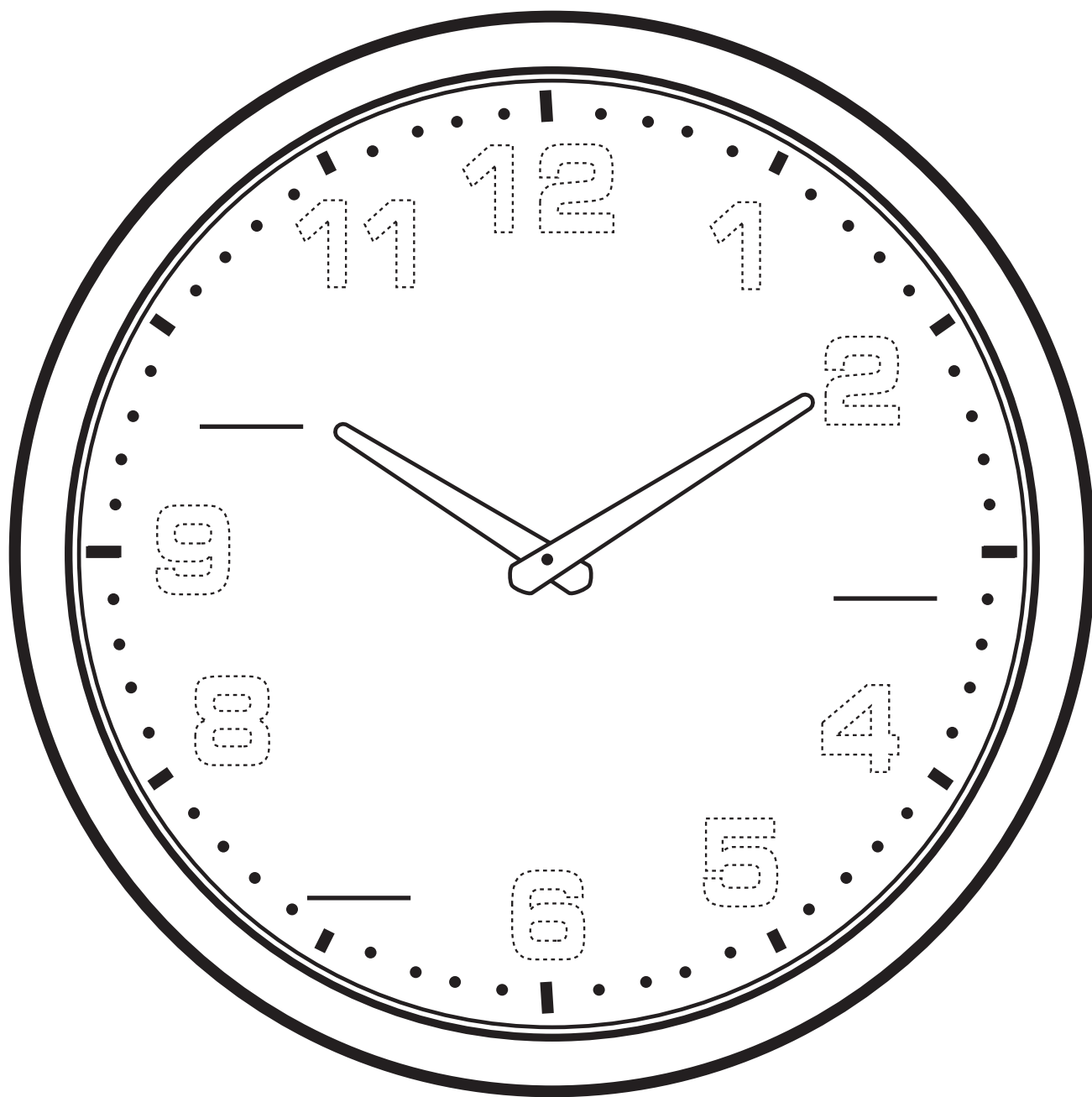
Hours each day chime from the clock tower.

Tick tock, tick tock, time goes by so fast.  
Why, oh, why, oh, does it pass?



# Analog Clock Page

Use this pattern with the lesson on page 51.



# Day and Night

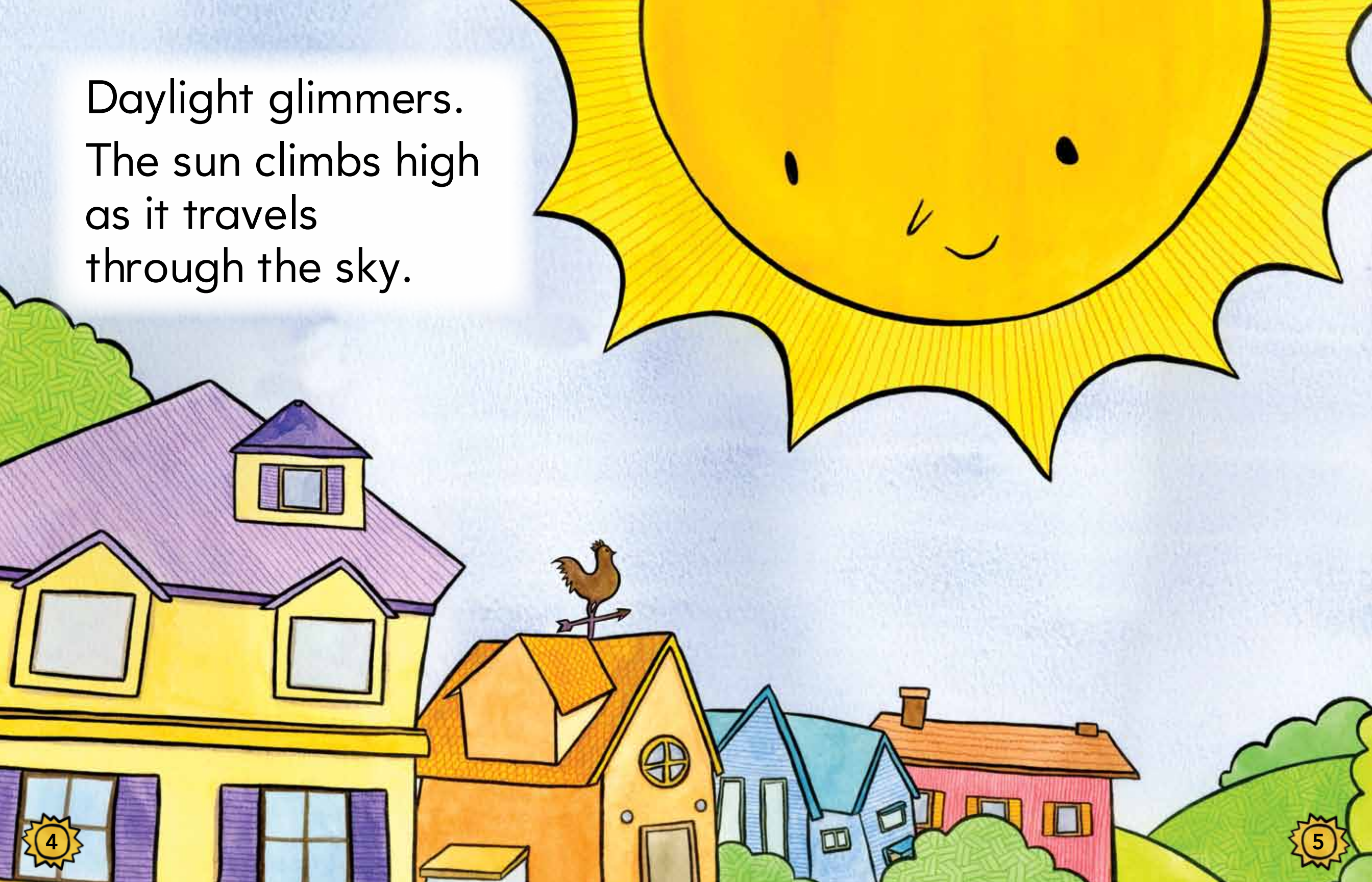


Dona Herweck Rice

# The Day




Daylight glimmers.  
The sun climbs high  
as it travels  
through the sky.



You jump from bed  
and start to play  
as light and shadow  
color your day.





You're ready to move.  
You're feeling fine!  
For you and the sun,  
it's time to shine.

# The Night





The starlight shines.  
The sun is down.  
The moonlight falls  
upon the ground.



And in your room,  
all tucked in bed,  
you fall asleep.  
Dreams fill your head.



It's time to dream.  
The sandman's near.  
Goodnight, sweet child,  
the night is here.

