

Why the Sun and Moon Live in the Sky



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Long ago, when the world was new, Sun and Moon lived on Earth in a fine, fancy house.

They were happy there, for they were both good storytellers and could always make each other laugh.



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One day Sun said to Moon, “It is a shame tht we have no one but each other to hear our stories.”

Then Moon had an idea.

“Why not invite Water and his People?

I’m sure they will listen.
To our stories with care.
And it may be that they, too,
Have stories to share.”



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“What a splendid idea!” Sun said. So Sun and Moon prepared for a feast.

They scrubbed their house until it shone. They tried on their finest garments. They practiced their stories.

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When the great day came, they set out their favorite dishes. Sun chanted, as Moon beat the story drum,

“Come, come, come.
The great feast has begun.”

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Soon Water knocked on the door.

“Welcome, honored guest,” said Sun. “Have you brought your People?”

“Yes,” Water replied, “but are you sure you have room?”

Moon answered,

“Room, room,
We’ll make some room.
There’s always room
For one more.”

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So Water opened the door, and Crab and Crayfish crawled in. Sun and Moon stepped onto stools to make room for Water and his People.

“Do you have room for the others?” Water asked.
And Sun said,

“Room, room,
We’ll make some room.
There’s always room
For one more.”

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So Water opened the door, and Turtle and Crocodile waddled in. Sun and Moon moved to the windowsill to make room for Water and his People.

“Perhaps the rest should wait outside,” said Water.
But Moon said,

“Room, room,
We’ll make some room.
There’s always room
For one more.”

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So Water opened the door, and Flounder and Shark swam in. Sun and Moon climbed as high as they could. They sat on the beams to make room for Water and his People.

“Shall I send the rest of my People home?” asked Water.

Sun replied,

“Room, room,
We’ll make some room.
There’s always room
For one more.”

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So Water opened the door, and Sea Lion and Whale splashed in.

Suddenly, there was no room at all. So Sun and Moon flew up to the sky to make room for Water and his People.

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Sun and Moon
Took seats in the sky.
They told their stories
From way up high.
They liked it so well
They decided to stay,
And so they are up there
To this very day.