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*For all those who are afraid.*

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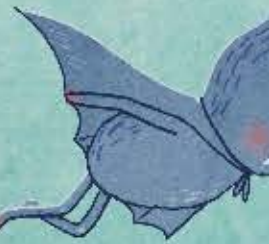
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You like making ripples in the pond.  
Soon the whole pond will be ripples.  
Big ripples in the water that fade away.







The sun is careful with the trees.  
The wind rustles the leaves.  
It's nice to be here alone, you think.





The trees cast long shadows.  
The warmth from the sun disappears.  
Time to go home, you think.





You hurry to get home, but  
the darkness follows you.  
The darkness settles around the trees,  
around your heart, around everything.






'Hello!' a voice whispers.  
You stop and try to see in the dark.  
'Come to me!' the voice says. 'Can't you see me?'





Then you run.  
And your heart races inside you too.  
'Don't go,' the voice laughs.  
But you run so fast you're flying.  
And your heart flies even faster.





You've heard of creatures that eat others in the forest.  
Creatures that come out of the darkness.  
Creatures that wish others harm.



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