

Singing Away the Dark

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A six-year-old girl walks a mile to reach her school bus each morning through the dark woods, with only the day's waking sounds and sights as company. To keep her imagination at bay she sings the entire way, putting on a brave face to convince herself not to be scared. "But creaks and groans and hoots and howls still creep into my ears," she admits. "I take a breath ... and sing until ... the darkness disappears." This tender story is accompanied by simple, lovely illustrations of wildlife and trees on a still and snowy winter's day. Ages four to eight.

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