

A Nighttime Book For for Parents and Children

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After dinner is done, and the dishes are dry
After the baths are taken, and the diapers are changed
After the lullabies are sung, and the stories are told
And children begin to breathe evenly in sleep
Something happens in the house.

It gets very quiet.

And then begin low voices
Almost singing to each other
The sounds are different on different nights --
Sometimes just the television is on
Sometimes one is reading to the other
Sometimes one talks and the other laughs, and laughs
Sometimes they both laugh
Sometimes there is just rustling

At last there is time for just them.