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Betty loves the night because the stories are so much more magical then. Whilst reading one of her favourite books, about a bear called Cosmo who is afraid of the dark, the bear suddenly pops into view at the end of her bed. She is delighted and is ready to show him how lovely the dark can be. 'We need the dark to see the light,' she explains, and hand in hand they go out with only her lantern to show the way. A dancing light leads them further and further into the woods where they come upon a cave. Cosmo is not happy about going into it, but Betty leads the way. When they come to a lake, there is a boat waiting which takes them further in. Should they turn out the lantern as requested on a big sign? Cosmo wants to turn around, but Betty, whilst a bit nervous, does as asked, and they are treated with the most magical sight of all. The cave is full of glow worms that light up the whole interior. It is only when they come out that Betty confesses she has lost her way and doesn't know how to get home. It is Cosmo who takes her in hand, and together they return singing. Both have learned how friendship can help the most faint-hearted. The story and the pictures that go with it are thoroughly enchanting, mysterious whilst also being encouraging. The fearful will identify with Cosmo ? and, later, Betty ? but will also find their adventures entertaining.

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