

LULLABY

You are much too big to dandle,
And I will *not* leave the candle.

Go to sleep.

You are growing naughty, rather,
And I'll have to speak to father.

Go to sleep!

If you're good I shall not tell, then.

Oh, a story? Very well, then.

Once upon a time, a king, named Crawley Creep,
Had a very lovely daughter

You *don't* want a drink of water!

Go to sleep! *There! There!* Go to sleep.

—by **C.J. Dennis**



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1. In this poem, the speaker is probably
- A the father
 - B the child
 - C the mother
 - D the teacher

2. What is this poem mostly about?
- A. trying to get a child to go to sleep
 - B. a child who wants a drink of water
 - C. a child who wants to hear a bedtime story
 - D. a mother putting her children to bed
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3. What is the surprise at the end of the poem?
- A The child enjoys the story.
 - B Mother tells the father.
 - C The bedtime story happens long ago.
 - D The child asks for a drink of water.
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4. Read the chart below.

Excuses to Keep from Falling Asleep
wants to be dandled
wants a candle
wants a drink of water

Which phrase best completes the chart?

- A wants to speak to father
- B wants to be naughty
- C wants to see a king
- D wants to hear a story

Occasion Thinking Guide

Fiction, Literary Nonfiction, Poetry or Drama

Occasion What is the link? idea, setting, series of happenings, or situation	A child makes excuses to keep from sleeping
Significant Characters	A child, the mother
Outcome	In spite of all the excuses, including asking for a drink of water, the mother insists her child sleeps.

Summary

While a child makes excuses to keep from sleeping the mother insists her child goes to sleep

Occasion

Significant Characters

even after her child asks for a drink of water.

Outcome

Teacher Answer Key:

1.C 2. A 3. D 4. D

