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Winter Nights

Blow, wind, blow!

Drift the flying snow!
Send it twirling, whirling overhead!

There’s a bedroom in a tree,

Where, snug as snug can be,

The squirrel nests in his cozy bed.

Shriek, wind, shriek!

Make the branches creak!
Battle with the boughs till break o’day!

In a snow cave warm and tight,

Through the icy winter night,

The rabbit sleeps the peaceful hours away.

Call, wind, call,

In entry and in hall,

Straight from off the mountain white and wild!

Soft purrs the cat

On her fluffy mat,

And beside her nestles close her furry child.

Scold, wind, scold,

So bitter and so bold!

Shake the windows with your tap, tap, tap!

With half-shut, dreamy eyes

The drowsy baby lies,

Cuddled close in his mother’s lap.

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1. What does the author MOST likely want you to learn from the poem?
2. Some animals love to run around looking for food on windy winter nights.
3. Animals find ways to keep themselves safe and warm on windy winter nights.
4. All animals sleep in snow caves or trees on windy winter nights.
5. Animals are not affected by the cold on windy winter nights.
6. List 2 details from the poem that supports the author’s message.
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In your own words, describe what is happening in the poem “Winter Nights.” 