



Goodnight, Reef

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The sun slides low on the warm Gulf water.
The sky turns the color of mango and shell.
Time to get ready, little reef.



Goodnight, surfboards, leaned in a row.
Goodnight, little ship with your flossy name.



Goodnight, mermaid, combing the quiet.
Goodnight, old shipwreck, keeping your secrets.



Goodnight, friendly gator by the door.
You watched over everyone today.



But wait. Before pajamas and pillows, there is one more thing to do.

Can you hear it?

The reef is humming its brushing song.



Two quiet minutes. That is how long the song lasts.

Brusha, brusha, hum, hum.

The seahorses sway. The bubbles keep time.



Round and round every little tooth,
while the moon rises up and the water goes still.



Spit, rinse, and a great big yawn.
Wanda the whale shark yawns back.
Sixteen feet of sleepy.



Now the reef tucks in.
The fish in their coral. The crab in his shell.
And Shades in his basket, sunglasses off at last.



Goodnight, every smile, brushed and bright.
Goodnight, little diver.
The reef will be here in the morning. Sleep tight.



The Storybook Reef

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