

DREAMS TO SHARE

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Inspired by the children of Sanzuli refugee camp

Once Upon a Time, *TIME!*
Every Day, *Every day*
Along the Coast of West Africa, *Africa*
There was a small village by the sea, *by the sea.*
With every night, *Every night*
When the sun goes down, *the sun goes down*
After a long day of work and play, *work and play*
The people of the small village by the sea, *by the sea*
Lie down in their huts and drift to sleep,
And drift to sleep
The people DREAM and DREAM and DREAM
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Some dream Happy Dreams,
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Some dream Sad Dreams,
Saaadddd Dreams
Some dream Scary Dreams,
SSSCARY Dreams.
Some dream dreams which make no sense,
γφδMAKE-NOSENSE vγκ
No sense at all

Every Day, *Every Day*
The sun wakes them from their Dreams
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The people stretch their arms to the sky.
To the sky
And give thanks for the hope of the new day.
Hope of the new day.
The children rush to school to laugh and learn
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At the end, *at the end*
Of every day, *every day*
The people gather by the fire, *by the fire*
Eat banku and fish stew, *banku and fish stew*
And give thanks for another day, *another day*
Of hopes and dreams come true, *come true*
Or not, *or not*

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ONE LURID and LONLEY NIGHT, *lurid and lonely night*
The Sea lie Lurking, *lie lurking*
And pouting, *and pouting*
Mounting toward the shore, *the shore*
Suddenly filled with whoa, she cried out, **WHY? *Why?***
Why every day, the people they share dreams and I have none, *have none.*
Every day and every night, *day and night*
The Sea flow in and flow out, *flow in and flow out.*
With no dream to dreams, *no dreams*
With no hopes to hope for, *no hope*

ONE LURID and LONLEY NIGHT, *lurid and lonely night*
The Sea lie Lurking, *lie lurking*
And pouting, *and pouting*
Mounting toward the shore, *the shore*
Reaching to the sky high, *sky high*
While the people of the village were sleeping and dreaming ,
sleeping and dreaming
by the sea, *the SEA*
THE SEA SNATCHED THE DREAMS FROM THEIR SLEEP, *SNATCH!*
And washed them below Ocean Deep, *Ocean Deep.*
Their Dreams, the Sea would forever keep, *forever keep.*

Night after night, *night after night*
Quietly, the people sleep, *quietly*
they sleep with dream , *no dreams*
And wake with no hope, *no hope*

Day after day, *day after day*
The children wander and waver, *and waver*
With no dreams to share with each other,
No dream to share with each other.

The women ponder and pad along, *pad along*
With no dreams to share with each other
No dream to share with each other

The men silently saunter, *saunter*
With no dreams to share with each other
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Another hollow night settles in, *night settles in*
And an empty sleep creeps over all in the village again, *again*
Except for one, *except for one*
For one little girl, *for one little girl*
Refuse to be swallowed under the spell of the sea, *spell of the sea*
Gaze into an empty pale, *empty pale*
Resembling the dreamless sleep and the shallow days, *shallow days*

She raise the pale on top her head, *on top her head*
And sets out for the sea with merely a dread, *with merely a dread*

The sea began to rumble and shake and crash against the shore.

I have every dream all to myself

And for what? And what for?

I don't want them any more.

The have mucked up the sand on my cold ocean floor

A dream is not good if you can not share.

A dream left unshared turns all hope to despair

She places the pale down beside the sea,

And plunges into the waves beneath the white caps and sea creatures and sea
weeds

Deep to the cold ocean floor, she dives

And gathers the dreams from all of their lives

To the surface she rises

To the crest she comes through

And carries the dreams to the shore

With a new

New hope for the village

New dreams for to do

She pours them in the pale to the fill

And wills them to the top of her head

To bring them back to the village, bestead

Another day, *another day*

Is dawned upon the village

She brings the dreams for drinking

And all partake at will

And every person swallow

until all their dreams refill

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