



THE SUN SHINES

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FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS EVERYWHERE

THE STORY OF HOW THE SUN AND MOON SAVE THE EARTH

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THE SUN SHINES ~ AUTHOR'S NOTES

The first section of this publication, the picture book, is designed to support early readers with the choice and size of typeface, and line breaks that allow for the smooth flow of language. The illustrations for this edition are more magical as compared with the minimalist approach of the last, and are created to encourage conversation.

The second section of this book is presented in text form and without pictures. Sentences flow to a full line, and the five short acts each appear on a separate page. Here the reader has the opportunity of focusing on the music, form, and play of words, as well as their meaning.

Speech quotes are omitted from both versions as this allows for more open and poetic reading. The last sentence has no full stop as the sun continues to shine.


As I read the second section, the words flow differently as compared with when I read the story with images. With the written text I experience words by their shape and sound, in mind or air, and through my imagination.

Words become within us. Saying words out loud, repeating them, even whispering them, transforms them.

Enjoy your journey!


Mike



A whimsical illustration of a night landscape. The sky is a deep blue, filled with stars and a large, bright yellow full moon in the upper right. Three white birds are flying across the sky. In the foreground, there are various plants, including large, pointed leaves and smaller flowers. The middle ground shows a forest of tall, thin trees and a winding path or stream. The overall style is soft and painterly, with a focus on natural elements and a dreamy atmosphere.


The Moon is half asleep.
Wake up! Says the Sun to the Moon






Look at the Earth today.
The Earth is beautiful.
The Moon smiles, and the Sun shines.



A person wearing a dark, hooded robe stands in profile, looking towards a large, bright sun on the right. The sky is filled with intricate, swirling patterns in shades of orange, yellow, and blue, suggesting a dreamlike or celestial atmosphere. The sun is a large, glowing orb with a textured surface, surrounded by radiating light and swirling patterns. The overall scene is a mix of dark and bright colors, creating a sense of wonder and mystery.


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I think I know, the Moon replies.





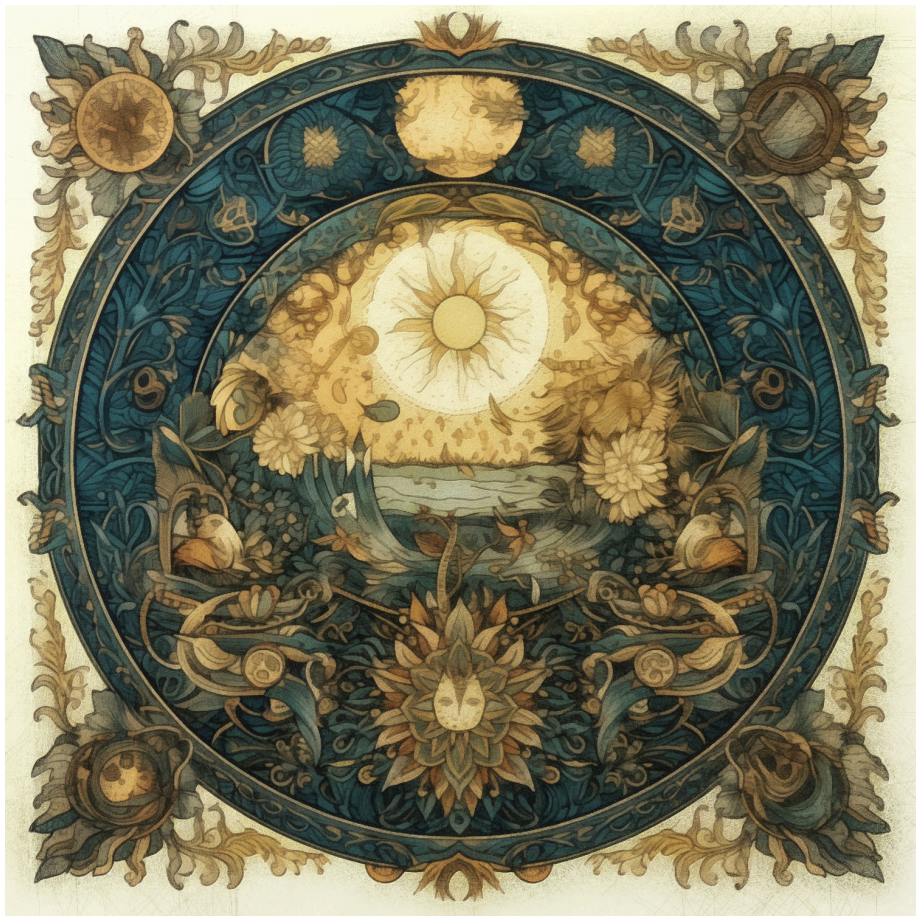
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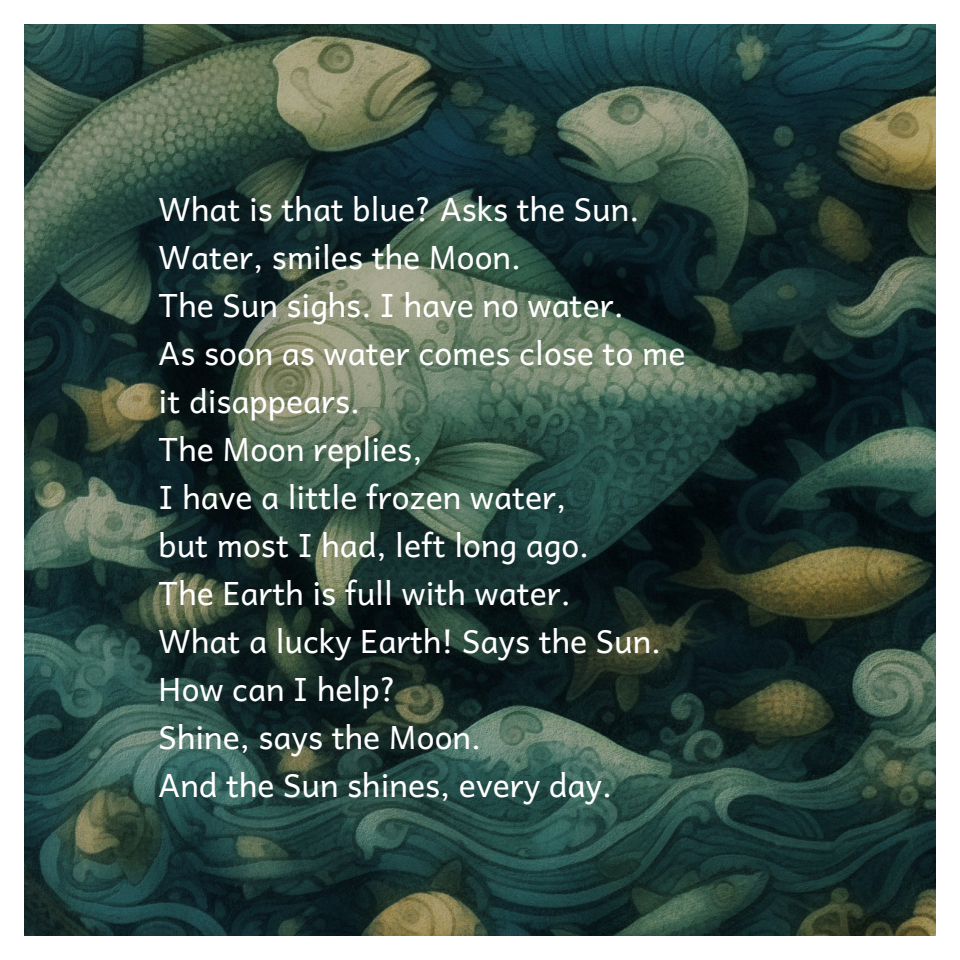




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Can I reply? Asks the Sun.
You can shine, says the Moon.
And the Sun shines.


The person looks up at the big blue sky,
then closes their eyes.
They smile and say out loud,
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Water, smiles the Moon.
The Sun sighs. I have no water.
As soon as water comes close to me
it disappears.
The Moon replies,
I have a little frozen water,
but most I had, left long ago.
The Earth is full with water.
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How can I help?
Shine, says the Moon.
And the Sun shines, every day.



A circular illustration of a forest scene. The scene is framed by the thick, gnarled brown roots and branches of a large tree on the left and top. The background is a dense canopy of green leaves. In the center, a landscape is visible through a circular opening, showing rolling green hills, a small stream, and a field of yellow and white flowers. The style is detailed and artistic, with a focus on natural elements.


The grass grows, the rain falls,
and the trees reach high.






What is that thin band of hazy light
that goes all the way around the Earth?
The air, says the Moon.
It helps all life to live.



The background is a detailed, textured illustration. In the upper left, a large, pale yellow circle representing the sun or moon is partially obscured by horizontal, layered rock formations. Below this, a body of water with wavy lines flows from the left towards the center. A small, dark boat is visible on the water. The right side of the image is dominated by dense, dark green foliage and trees with intricate, swirling patterns. The overall style is reminiscent of early 20th-century naturalist or environmental art.

The Moon and Sun look upon the Earth.
Plants are everywhere, on land and sea.
Fishes, insects, and birds too.
And animals!
Some are teeny tiny.
Some are heavy and huge.
Lots of life lives on, and in the Earth.



A person with long hair, seen from behind, stands on a beach looking out at the ocean. The sky is filled with a large, glowing sun or moon, and the clouds are rendered in a stylized, swirling pattern. The overall color palette is muted, with various shades of blue, green, and white.

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The Sun and Moon look down.
The Earth seems different says the Sun.
The blues are not as blue,
the greens not as green,
and the whites are not as white.

The person speaks again.
We need some help.



A traditional East Asian painting of a seascape. The scene is framed by a dark, arched border. In the upper right, a large, bright yellow sun is prominent. To its left, a smaller, white moon is visible. The sky is filled with stylized, swirling clouds in shades of brown and white. Below the sky, the ocean is depicted with deep blue and green waves, topped with white foam. The overall style is characteristic of traditional Chinese or Japanese ink and wash painting, with a focus on natural elements and their interplay.

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and the people of the Earth gather its strength.

The Moon pulls and pushes at the oceans,
and the waves and wind are made.
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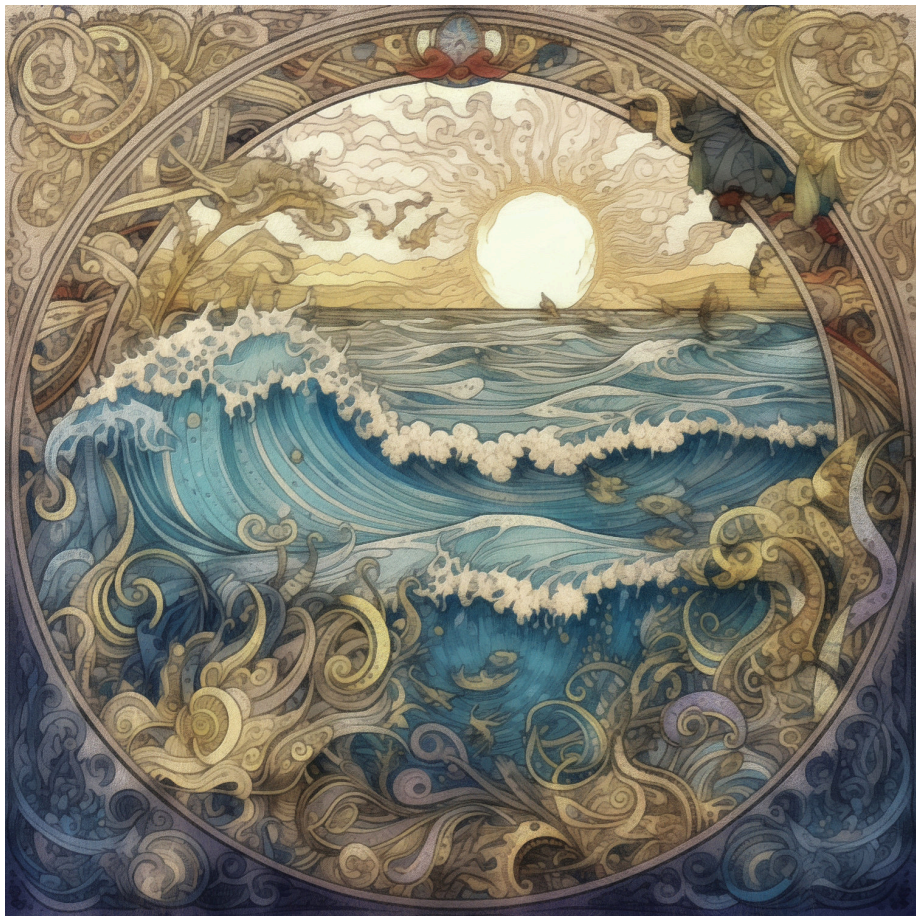
A circular illustration of a lush landscape. In the center, a large, leafy tree with a brown trunk stands prominently. To its left and right are smaller trees. A light blue river flows through the middle ground. The foreground is filled with green grass and yellow flowers. Several birds are depicted in flight, some in shades of yellow and others in white. The entire scene is framed by a dark blue, ornate border with intricate floral and leaf patterns. A full moon is visible in the upper part of the circle.

Soon all the blues and greens are strong again.





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When I look closely at something, my head and heart change.

The Sun Shines is a way to encourage thought and action about how we care for the earth. Harnessing the power of the sun and moon provides humans with ways to counter the harmful affects to all life on earth of changes to its climate.

The accompanying music is also available at 100 Artworks and Public Art World:
www.100artworks.today | www.publicart.world

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THOUGHTS ABOUT THE THIRD EDITION

When I read words, when I look carefully at an image, or listen to music, ideas spring in to my mind. My ideas are different to yours.

What follows are some of the ideas I had when creating *The Sun Shines*. I hope you will read through the story a few times before reading on so that your own ideas settle in your mind and take root. It always takes me a while before I understand what I think! If someone thinks too fast, they might not think with care, and caring about everything is important as it helps us to live well.

For me *The Sun Shines* is as much about the love between us, as a story about how humans can use the power of the sun and moon to save the earth from the harm of climate change. It is a story that can be equally viewed of happening in a short spell, or over many years.

I think of the sun, moon, and earth and their constantly shifting relationships. They each attract one another with their force of gravity, and like humans, have different qualities. The sun is bright and big, the moon is much smaller but in the story is presented as more thoughtful and wise, and the earth is full of life and wonder.

The moon might represent a woman, the sun, a man, and the earth, someone they care for with their nature and being.

The Sun Shines is a non-threatening and positive tale about the environment and renewable energy that can be enjoyed by all ages.

This picture book has sixteen artworks including the front and back covers. The narrative and naturalistic techniques are combined with surreal elements that are dream-like, and this artistic and literary approach is known of as magic realism.

Children are far more ready to accept different ways of thinking about what they experience as compared with adults. The second edition had minimalist artworks that children readily embraced, but that adults found more abstract. This latest third edition is more accessible for both adults and children as the illustrations are more representational.

I hope you enjoy this story of how the sun and moon give, and how humans can take and use solar power, wind, and the energy from the waves to sustain human living on earth. You are also welcome to hear the music that can be played when reading the story as this may add a further layer to your experience.

I hope you return to reshape your own story of The Sun Shines over time!

Be kind, and love.

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