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Winter Surprise

By Guy Belleranti

We built a big snowman
Then went in for the night
To sip some hot cocoa
By the warm firelight.

A little bit later
Noises came through the door.
They were loud and spooky.
They went, "SNORTY, SNORT, SNORE!"



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I jumped backwards three feet
Feeling sure we were doomed.

But then, really quickly,
It was quiet once more.
I regained my courage
And pulled open the door.

I heard gasps, felt cold air,
And blinked both of my eyes.
Our snowman was snoring—
What a winter surprise!

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1. In the first stanza of the poem, which two words rhyme with **bright**?

_____ and _____

2. How does the narrator describe the noises coming from outside?

- a. wacky and weird
- b. loud and spooky
- c. silly and strange



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4. How does the narrator feel when he hears the noises?

- a. He is afraid.
- b. He is annoyed.
- c. He is curious.
- d. He is happy.

5. What is the surprise at the end of the poem?

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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

1. hot cocoa • the glow from the light of a flame
2. bellowed • a scary creature



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5. courage • top with marshmallows and whipped cream
6. monster • opened and closed one's eyes
- made a loud roaring sound

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In the poem, "Winter Surprise," the narrator is afraid of the noises coming from outside the house. At the end of the poem, he discovers that he didn't have to be afraid after all.



On the lines below, tell about a time when you were afraid of something. How did you overcome your fear?



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1. In the first stanza of the poem, which two words rhyme with **bright**?

night and firelight

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5. What is the surprise at the end of the poem?

The snowman the narrator's family built is snoring.

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