



There's a silver house in the lovely sky,  
As round as a silver crown;  
It takes two weeks to build it up,  
And two to pull it down.

There's a man who lives in the silver house,  
In a lonely sort of way;  
But what his name is no one knows,  
Or no one likes to say.

Yet when you go to bed tonight,  
Just draw the window blind,  
And peep out at the silver moon,  
This lonely man to find.

But if his house is taken down,  
And all the sky is bare,  
Then go to bed, because, of course,  
The poor man won't be there.

- John Lea

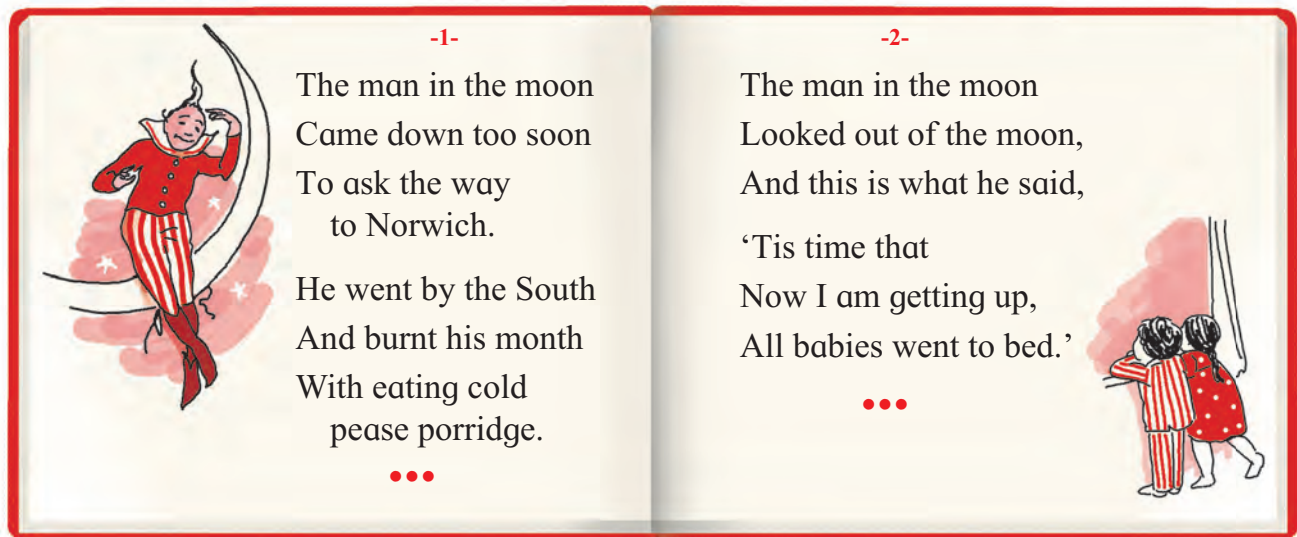
- **crown** : a silver coin that was used in England in the past.
- **window blind** : a protective covering for the window. A window blind keeps out light.
- **taken down** : pulled down, dismantled

#### POINTERS

1. What do the following words in the poem mean?  
(a) crown (b) round (c) draw (d) blind  
Do these words have other meanings? List them.
2. Find four pairs of rhyming words from the poem.
3. In each of the following line, spot the sound that is used repeatedly –
  - There's a silver house in the lovely sky.
  - As round as a silver crown
  - It takes two weeks to build it up.  
And two to pull it down.



4. What is implied in the following phrases or lines?
  - (a) A silver house in the lovely sky
  - (b) It takes two weeks to build it up
  - (c) And two to pull it down.
5. Make a 'pair presentation' of the poem, in the class.
6. The man in the moon is mentioned in many nursery rhymes and stories. When people see the spots on the surface of the moon, they imagine that it's a human face, or the figure of a man who lives on the moon. Sometimes, other characters like rabbits are also imagined to live with the man. Here are two nursery rhymes about the man in the moon.



7. Are there any stories/legends about the moon or special names for the moon in your language? Talk to your friends and family members and collect this information.
8. Do you know any poem or song about the moon in your own language? Sing it in the class.
9. Form pairs. Write a poem with rhyming lines on at least one of the following :  
the moon, stars, a tree, a flower, a river/lake, rain, the wind, clouds.

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