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Night.
Journey.
Suddenly.

अचानक।
Trees all around.

चारों तरफ़ पेड़।
Tap-tap. Tap-tap.

खट-खट. खट-खट.
Dry leaves.

सूखे पत्ते।
Deer stand still.

हिरन खड़े बिना हिले।
Insects in the moonlight.

चाँदनी में कीड़े-मकौड़े।
River and fish.

नदी और मछली।
Mother and babies asleep.

माँ और बच्चे सोते हुए।
Upside down and awake.

उलटे और जागते हुए।
Lights glowing.

बत्तियाँ चमकतीं।
Eyes looking.

आँखें देखतीं।
Tiger in the forest.

जंगल में बाघ।
Children in the forest.

जंगल में बच्चे।
Forest in the night.

रात में जंगल।
Night in the forest.

जंगल में रात।
Night walk.
What happens when two children find themselves wandering the night in a forest? It is a world of giant trees, sudden sounds and unseen shadows.

The compelling black and white illustrations convey a sense of the author's own curiosity and sense of wonder at the natural world in this nearly wordless picture drama. The minimal text serves to direct the reader's attention to the journey the children make into the forest.

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