Where Was Moses When The Light Went Out - song lyrics
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WHERE WAS MOSES WHEN THE LIGHT WENT OUT?
When but a child I used to go to bed at eight each night,
The nurse girl used to frighten me when she put out the light;
She'd talk of ghosts and goblins in a very awful way,
She'd then put out the candle and to me she used to say:

Chorus.
"Where was Moses when the light went out?
Where was Moses-what was he about?
Now my little man, tell me if you can.
Where was Moses when the light went out?"

Now Moses being my Christian name I used to feel afraid,
And dreaming something awful I for hours awake have laid;
Sometimes I'd cry myself to sleep, but horrid things I dream'd,
For naughty ghosts at my bedside glar'd at me while they scream'd:-Cho.

Upon the nurse I split, and she was kindly asked to leave,
But Moses Muggins married her for which we did not grieve;
I met her in the street when she had just two days been wed,
And didn't she warm my jacket when I innocently said:-Chorus.

Some twenty years passed before I heard the phrase again.
Alone with a young lady I was riding in the train;
We rushed into a tunnel, and when all was pitchy dark.
My lively little lady friend gave vent to this remark:-Chorus.

Now when once more the light of day we saw, to her I said,
As you've 'waken'd up old memories you're the girl I'd like to wed;
We're married now, and six fine boys amuse us every night.
And sing this jolly little chorus when their pa puts out the light:-Cho.