

# 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.