

My Quiet, Noisy, and Silly Places

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SEATTLE CHILDREN'S | AGE 8

There is a quiet place in my head,
like waves that are quiet that go sssshhhh.
Like glowing mushrooms in a forest
with a purple sky.
Like a little white bear sleeping
on a cloud with crickets.
Like Twinkle Twinkle Little Star with a bear
sitting on a half-moon.
Like when a dolphin springs from the water,
and then dives back in slow motion.

There's a noisy place in my head,
like the crashing waves of a storm,
and when you're underwater, it's gray.
Like my two little brothers when they fight.
Like when my little sister is hungry and starts to cry.
Noisy like the sounds of hospital machines.

There's a silly place in my head,
like when I laugh when I'm sleeping.
It freaks my brothers out and they climb
into my bed in the middle of the night.
Like when my grandma tells me serious things.
"That's enough screen time and video games," she says.
But I do the opposite and keep playing!

