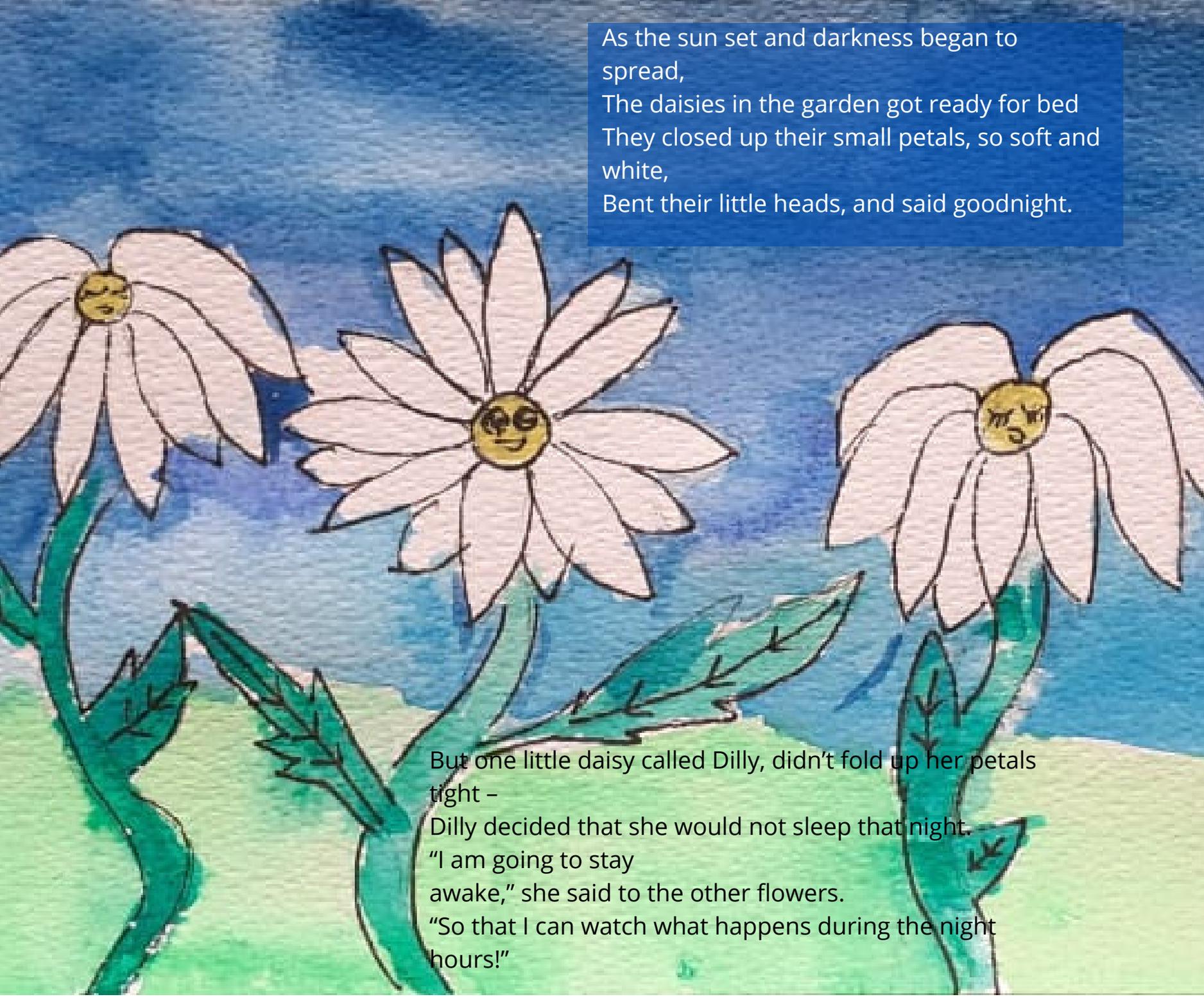


# **Dilly Daisy**

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An illustration of three daisies with human-like faces. The daisy in the center has a smiling face, while the two on either side have closed eyes, suggesting they are asleep. The background is a blue sky with a green grassy foreground.

As the sun set and darkness began to spread,  
The daisies in the garden got ready for bed  
They closed up their small petals, so soft and white,  
Bent their little heads, and said goodnight.

But one little daisy called Dilly, didn't fold up her petals tight -  
Dilly decided that she would not sleep that night.  
"I am going to stay awake," she said to the other flowers.  
"So that I can watch what happens during the night hours!"

As a little mouse, out hunting for food, ran ahead,  
He heard the words that Dilly the daisy said.  
He squeaked, "You had better go to sleep, Dilly  
dear -  
The sights and sounds of the night might fill  
you with fear."



But Dilly ignored the mouse's words so wise –

And rudely said, "I don't need your advice!"

But just then, Dilly heard a whoosh sound,

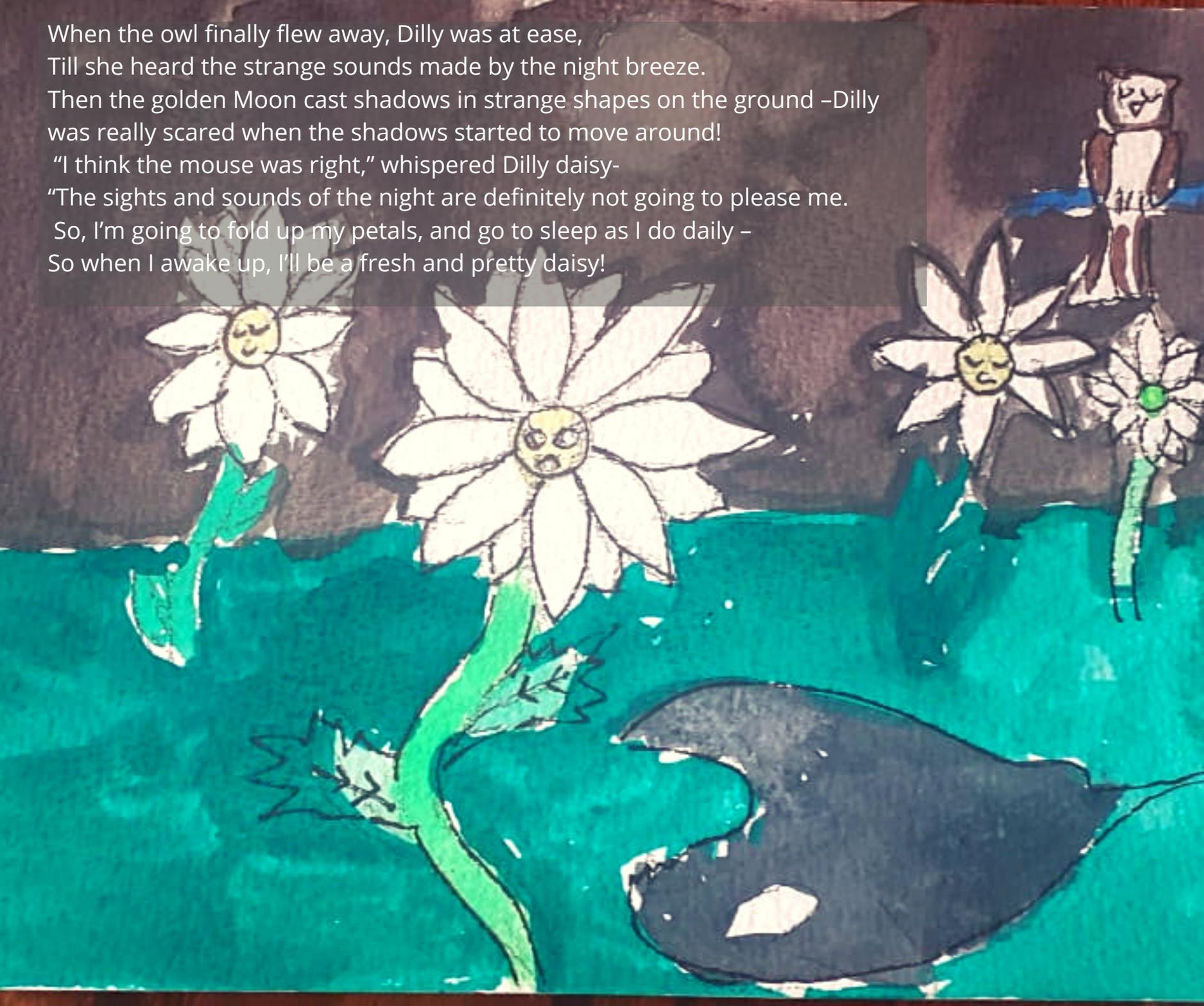
And a big owl swooped down to the ground.

"Hoot! Hoot!" The owl said, opening his sharp, curved beak, "I'm hungry, and I think just heard a mouse squeak! If I catch him, I'll gobble him in a second."

Dilly trembled – the night was scarier than she had reckoned.



When the owl finally flew away, Dilly was at ease,  
Till she heard the strange sounds made by the night breeze.  
Then the golden Moon cast shadows in strange shapes on the ground –Dilly  
was really scared when the shadows started to move around!  
“I think the mouse was right,” whispered Dilly daisy-  
“The sights and sounds of the night are definitely not going to please me.  
So, I’m going to fold up my petals, and go to sleep as I do daily –  
So when I awake up, I’ll be a fresh and pretty daisy!





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