

Firefly

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Firefly, Firefly! Come down!
Come down! Like eyes that
wink! Come and Blink! In
the dark!



Firefly! Firefly! Come down!
Come down! Sun will rise,
Morning too will come



Come to tell Don't fear the
dark! Firefly! Firefly! Come
down! Come down!



Come and Console all



Covered by darkness With
eyes lost & crying



Firefly! Firely! Come down!
Come down!



Like an Imp!



Come & Tease The Darkness
Witch!



Firefly! Firefly! Come down!
Come down!



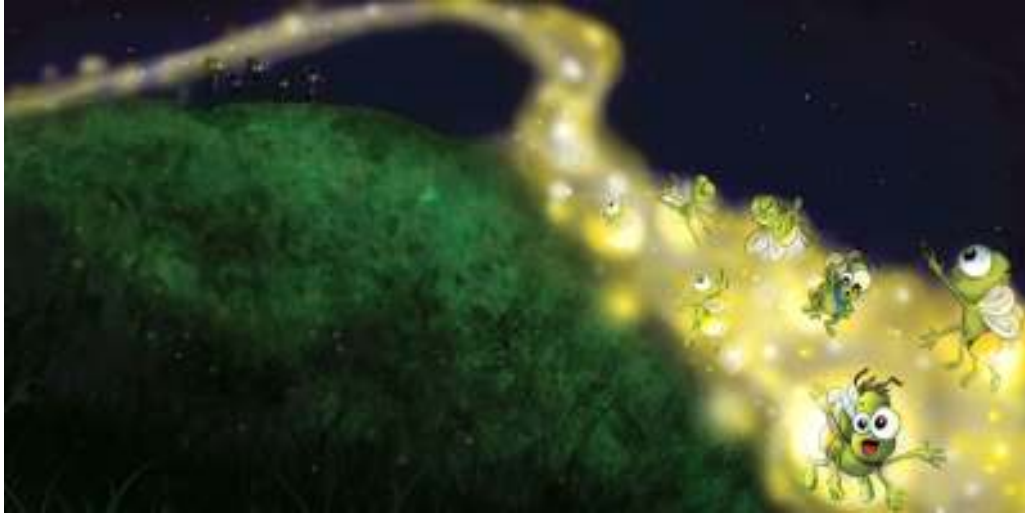
Tease & Tease! Make dizzy & dizzy!



Pull down the elephant Just like a Termite!



Firefly! Firefly! Come down!
Come down!

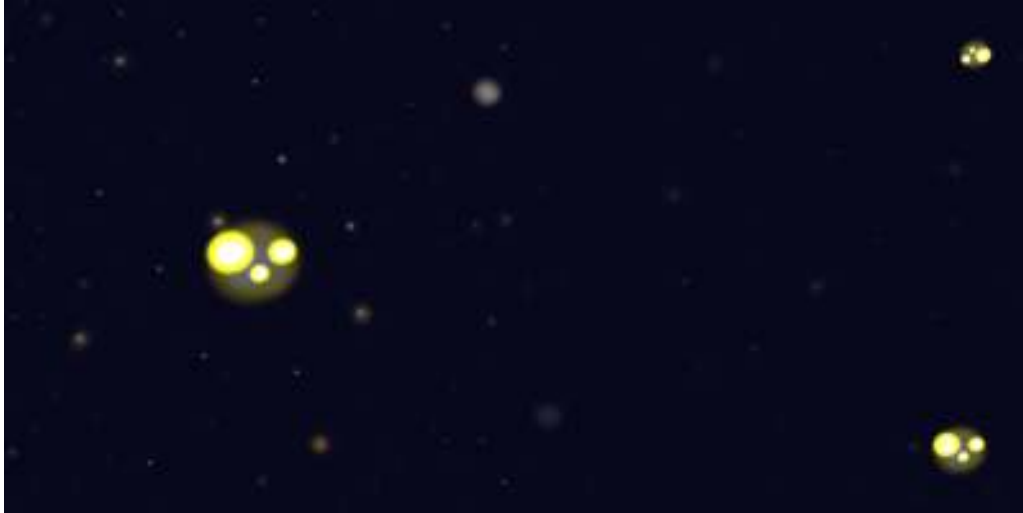


With the Sun The golden
gates Slowly, Gently Come &
Open!

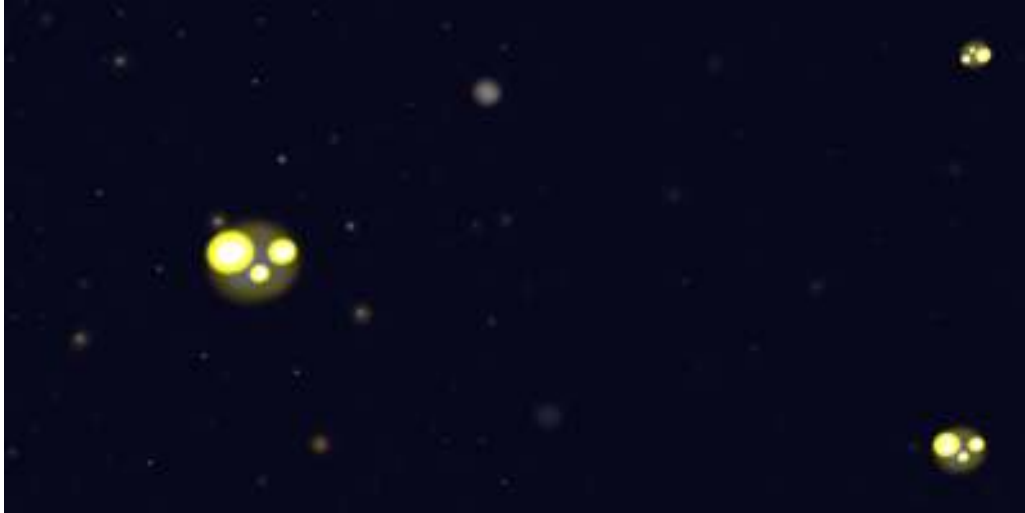
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Come down! Come down!



About the Author Durga Lal Shrestha is a famous poet of Nepal Bhasa and Nepali. As a teacher of Nepal Bhasa at Kanya Mandir Higher Secondary School in the 1950s to 70s, he created songs to inspire children to express themselves in their mother tongue. His songs became widely known throughout the Kathmandu Valley and collections of his children's songs



have been through over thirteen reprints and are still circulated today.

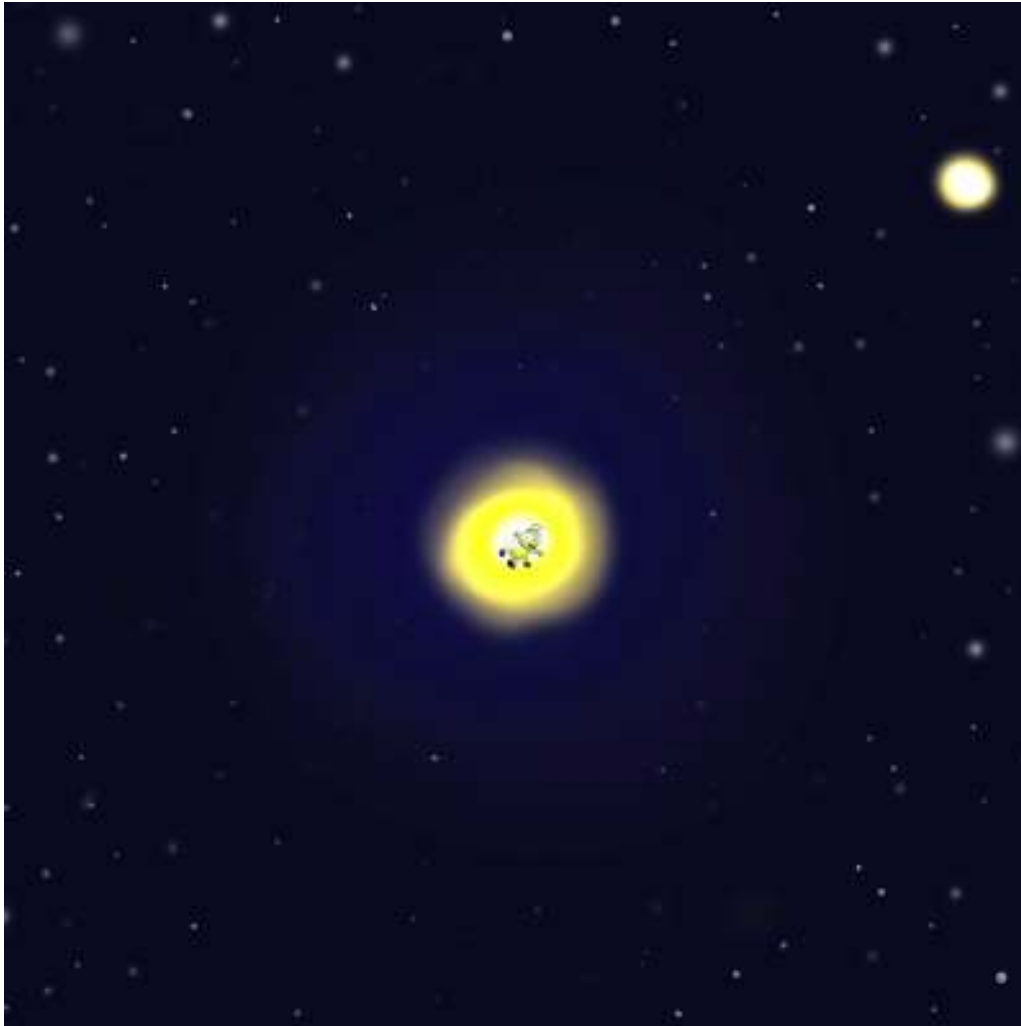


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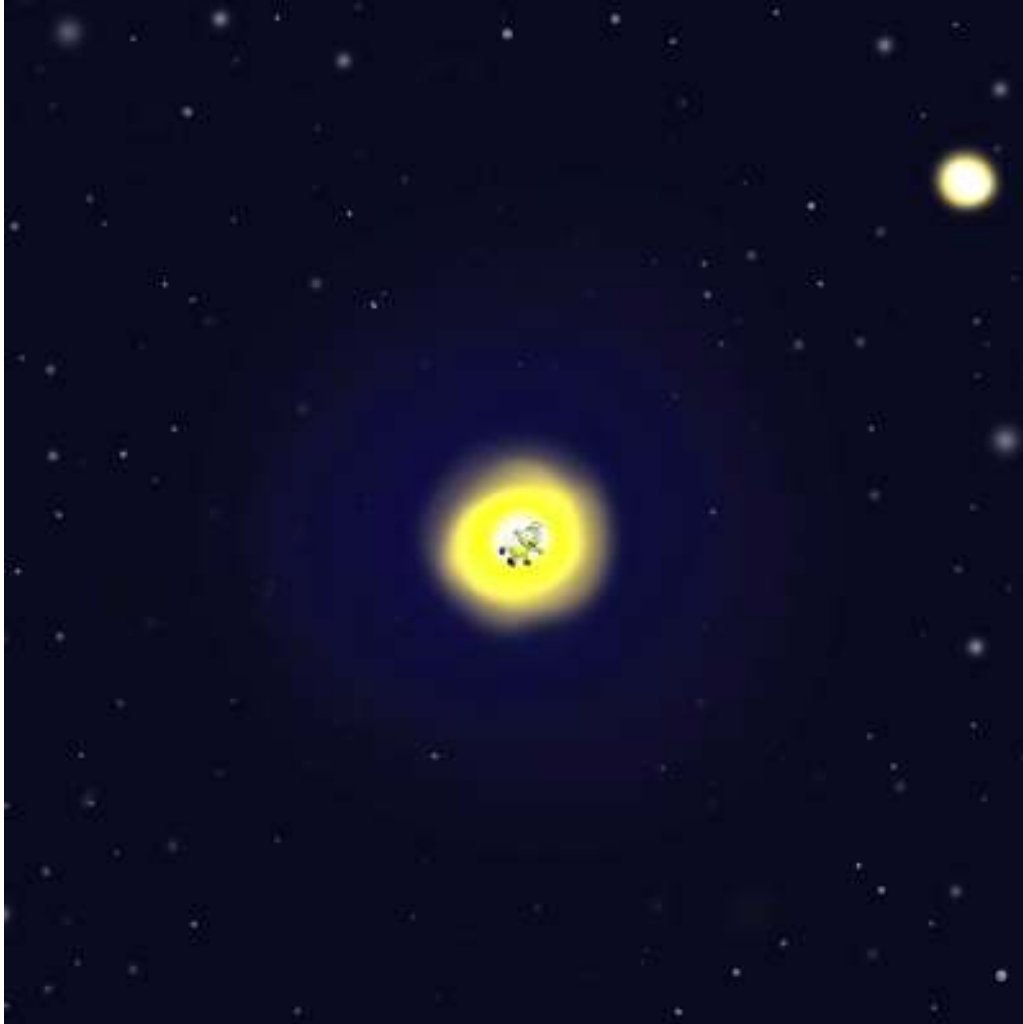
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impermanence.



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