

Seein' Things

a not-so-spooky bedtime poem by Eugene Field

Name _____

Story Words

The boy in this poem talks the way children talked long ago. Draw a line from each of his words to what it means today.

afeard



☐ always

uv



☐ a boy

skeered



☐ afraid

alluz



☐ rather

feller



☐ of

ruther



☐ scared

Example from the poem: "I ain't *afeard* uv snakes, or toads, or bugs..."

Talk About It

- ✦ What is the boy *not* afraid of?
- ✦ Where in his room does he see things at night?
- ✦ When does he see them most often?
- ✦ What does he promise to do so he won't see things?
- ✦ What helps *you* feel brave at bedtime?



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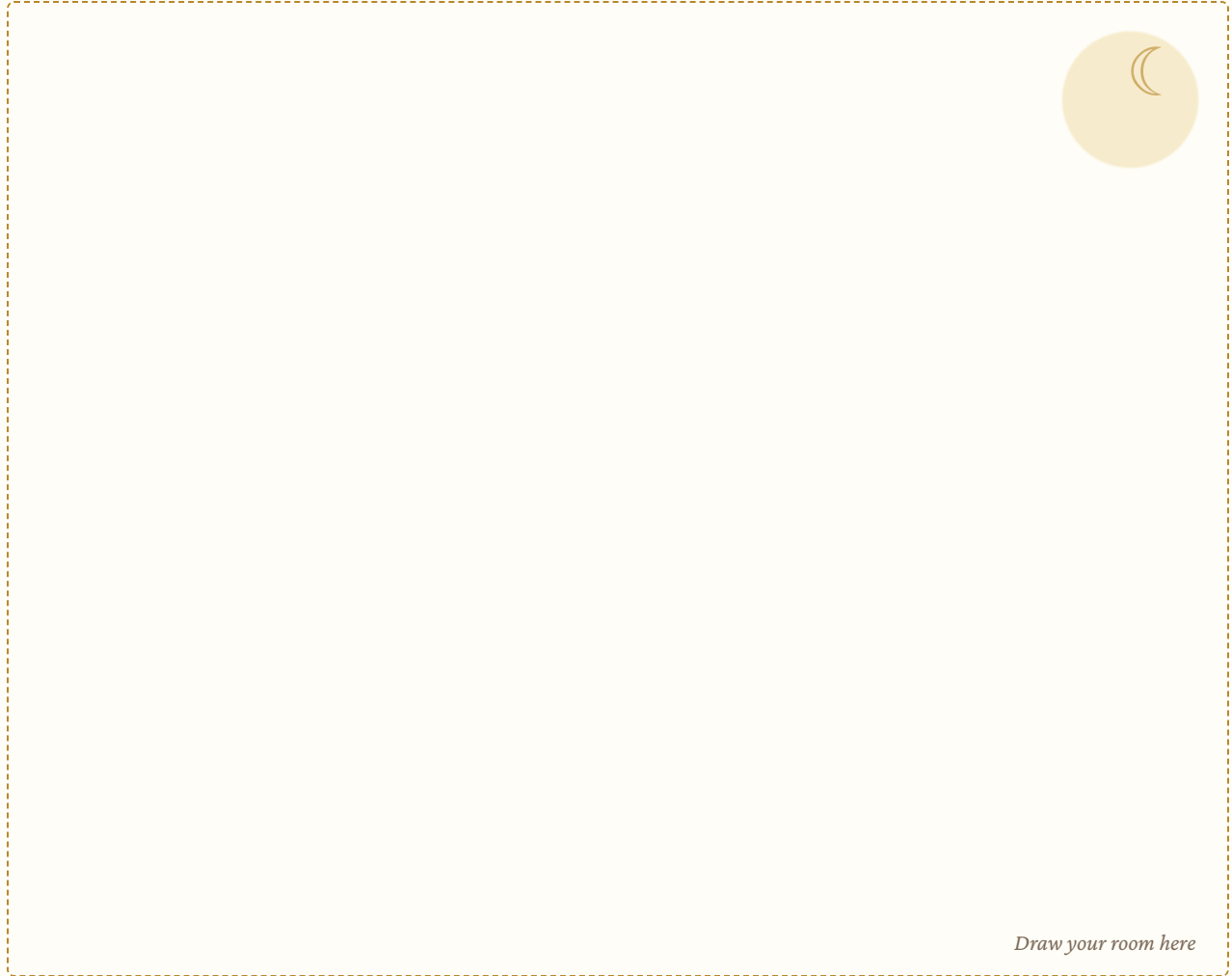
✦ DRAW IT ✦

Friendly Shadows

The boy sees shapes in the corner, by the door, and in the middle of the floor.

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Draw your bedroom at night. What shapes do the shadows make?
Then give each shadow a friendly face, so it's nothing to be scared of!



Draw your room here

Brave at Bedtime

One thing that helps me feel brave at bedtime is...

Answer key for Story Words: afeard = afraid · uv = of · skeered = scared · alluz = always · feller = a boy · ruther = rather