

Midnight visitors

Hedgehog comes snuffing
in his prickly coat,
scuffing the leaves for slugs.

Cat comes soft as a moth,
a shadow pointed on the lawn
by moonlight.

Owl comes floating,
sits still as a cat on the wall,
watching, listening.

Mouse freezes under the leaves
on tip-toe paws,
quick eyes pin-bright,
hungry.

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