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Soft pictures and poetic language reassure readers of the security of home. Exactly the right story for anxious little ones who have just started school, for home is always waiting for them, and the creatures in the countryside know it too. Safety is a precious place, it tells us and indeed it is, though this book does not shy away from the harsh reality of hungry predators lying in wait. Despite this, the comforting presence of an adult protecting each child ensures that the hazardous journey home is soon mastered. Delicate watercolours suffused with light, are fused against soft layers of landscape. Birds fly south, shrews build nests, rabbits scamper and wolves howl as harsh winter approaches. This book evokes a stunning atmosphere of the beauty and brutality of nature in winter, and showing that continuity and security will carry you through.

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