Can't You Sleep Little Bear?
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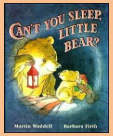
Useful Information	
Author	Martin Waddell
Illustrator	Barbara Firth
Year published	1988
Other titles by this author	Farmer Duck, Owl Babies, You and Me Little Bear, The Super Swooper Dinosaur

Tales Toolkit			
	Character- A person or an animal in a story.		Setting- Where the story takes place.
	A little bear who lives with a big bear.		**At night, in a dark bear cave**
	Problem- There is another character or a situation that is a problem for the main character.		How the characters manage to sort out the problem and have a happy ending.
	Little bear can't get to sleep because he is scared of the dark.		**After bringing him lanterns, big bear takes little bear outside to look at the moon. He falls asleep in big bear's arms.**

Phrases and repeated refrains from story text Children will become very familiar with these phrases and use them in the oral retelling of the story	
Once there were two bears. Big Bear and Little Bear	Now go to sleep Little Bear!
Can't you sleep Little Bear?	The dark all around us
padding over to the…	The bright yellow moon and all the twinkly stars
by the light of the fire	warm and cosy

Vocabulary – definitions and synonyms synonyms are words with the same meaning (or almost the same meaning)	
bright	filled with or giving off light (shiny, brilliant, glowing)
dark	having little or no light (black, dim, gloomy)
lantern	a container with a light inside
scared	feeling of fear, being afraid
big	large in size (great, massive, gigantic)
little	Small in size (tiny, wee, miniature)



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