

Why Cows do Moo at the Moon

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“Silly Willy, Silly Willy,” cried Peekaboo. “Do cows moo at the moon?”
“I won’t tell you,” said Silly Willy. “You’re not old enough.”

“Please tell me,” said Peekaboo.

“No,” said Silly Willy. “You have to stay up late to know the secret.”

“I’ll stay up. I will, I will,” begged Peekaboo. “I promise.”

So Silly Willy and Peekaboo stayed up late. They sat in a field full of cows and waited for the moon to rise. At last it came creeping up the hills and into the sky.

“Moo,” said the cows at the moon. “Moo, moo,” —but Peekaboo never heard. He was fast asleep.

“See. I said you were too young,” said Silly Willy when Peekaboo woke up.

“Let me try again,” said Peekaboo.

“Oh, I donno,” said Silly Willy. “It might be too much for you.”

“Please! Please!” begged Peekaboo.

“Okay,” said Silly Willy. “Let’s stay up again.”

That night Silly Willy and Peekaboo sat in the cow field waiting for the moon to come up. They waited and waited. Peekaboo ran around. He pinched himself. He told stories. He slapped himself in the face. Finally the moon came up and the cows began to moo.

“Moo, moo,” they moo’d. “Moo, moo.”

“They do moo at the moon!” shouted Peekaboo, jumping up and down. “But why, Silly Willy, why?”

“Because they’re angry,” said Silly Willy.

“Angry?!” said Peekaboo.

“Yes,” said Silly Willy. “It’s the cheese.”

"The cheese?!" exclaimed Peekaboo.

"It's like this," said Silly Willy. "The moon is made of cheese—everyone knows that—but where do you think the moon gets the milk to make the cheese? It steals it from the cows! That's why they're angry."

"But how does the moon steal the milk?" asked Peekaboo. "That must be hard."

"Not at all," said Silly Willy. "It gets it from the supermarket when the cows aren't looking."