

One Moonlit night by Zanna Davidson and Seo Kim



One moonlit night I sailed away in my silvery boat of dreams.

I cast out my nets, I hung out my sails, I followed the song of the breeze.

At first all was calm and we bobbed along, then the wind whipped into a storm.

The water frothed, it foamed and roared, and a dragon appeared in the skies.

He swooped down close on leathery wings and whispered, "Come and fly".

I clung to his back and away we rose, away from the storm-tossed sea.

He had coal black eyes, he was swift and strong, he lit the night with his flame.

We raced against comets, we ringed the moon and I trawled the sky for stars.

We passed over islands with three-headed giants, we did battle with ogres and trolls.

Then we lay down to rest in the folds of a cloud, and I chanted a spell of my own.

I fell asleep to the song of the wind.

When I woke I was back in my bed.

A tiny dragon was by my side with eyes like a midnight sky.

Questions about this text:

- Find and copy three words which tell the reader how rough the water is.
- How do you know the girl is holding on tight to the dragon's back?
- Which creatures did the girl and the dragon fight with?
- What does 'swift' mean in the part where the dragon is described as 'swift and strong'?
- Why do you think Zanna chose the word 'leathery' to describe the dragon's wings?
- How does this line make you feel and why? '**Then we lay down to rest in the folds of a cloud'**
- What are the similarities between this book and A River by Marc Martin?

Swift



Quick or fast.