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“North-West Passage”
A Child’s Garden of Verses

Directions: In this poem a child goes to bed. The poet tells about a carried lamp, a fire in the fireplace, and a long dark passage or hallway. From these descriptions, we can tell the poem is not about going to bed in the 21st century. Choose one of both of the following activities

1. Look up this list of words in a dictionary. Write the definitions. Use the words in an exciting sentence.

embers	hearth	undaunted	passage	perils
fare	bogies	balusters	chamber	tread

2. Rewrite this poem replacing some of the poet’s words with words that tell about your bedtime, your thoughts about having to go to bed, where you walk to get there, what you leave behind you, and someone who checks on you before going to bed. Illustrate your poem.