GOOD-NIGHT ALPHABET

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good-night, A, my pointy-headed child
who leads the alphabet
and B, so boisterous
    and C, so cute
        the two who play
            with A

and D, avid
    beginner of
        my first name

good-night, E, with your shelves
    ready to hold children's books

    and F, G, H, I

good-night to you four
    F, the funny boy
    G, the silly girl
H, the happy baby

I, who watches everything

good-night, J, joyful one,

K, don't kick

L, full of love

M, my initial M,

good-night,

to the first half of the alphabet

good-night, N and O,

don't spell NO,

you must sleep

like the others

good-night, P, with your big, jolly face

balanced on a skinny body,

good-night, Q, wagging your little tail

good-night, R, S, T, U, what's that?

R likes to rhyme
S likes to sing

T likes to talk

U likes to be with Q,

go ahead, U, sleep

with your pet Q

good-night, V,

vanishing into the dark

good-night, W,

a pair of inseparable V’s

good-night, X,

a kiss good-night

and Y

asking why you have to sleep

shh, we must whisper

Z is already snoring

good-night, alphabet

sweet dreams of poetry,

dear children of language

Dr. Alphabet