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An African Sunset

The overwhelming colours of the sunset were beautiful. The delicate blend of ruby red, bright orange, daffodil yellow and dusky pink was breathtaking. All these magnificent colours surrounded an iridescent sun. This masterpiece painted across the sky reflected on the marsh nearby making the sunset even more brilliant. There were crickets and beetles singing, and birds calling in the background.

Suddenly, a huge flock of water birds flew in majestically over the back of the marsh. In the distant bright sky they only looked like black blobs of paint until they came closer and they turned into birds again. They effortlessly swooped down and landed gracefully on the still water. There were tons of them all scattered around the marsh settling down for the night.

The brilliant colours started to fade as the sun sank lower in the sky. The trees turned into black silhouettes. All the birds, beetles and crickets started to settle down and stillness fell over the marsh.

Just as the sun was about to set, a group of fireflies came out and started dancing around. You could see their faint lights flickering here and there as they silently flew around. They looked like a tangled wire of twinkling Christmas lights.

The sun finally sank, leaving the marsh in darkness. There were a few stars starting to appear in the moonless sky. Everything was silent.

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