

# THE TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN

The total eclipse of the sun  
Is a wonderfully magical thing,  
When I felt it go cold and dark  
My heart began to sing!

I don't care I didn't see it  
Because of the cloud,  
The people made it all worthwhile  
When they clapped and they cheered  
out loud.

I'd like to have seen it happen  
But I just didn't care,  
It still went dark around me  
And I'm glad that I was there.

I'd heard about it for ages  
And I thought "It won't be that great",  
But now that I have witnessed it,  
I think, "yes, it was worth the wait".

I sat up on top of Lobber  
Watching Port Isaac turn dark,  
And saw the lights of cameras  
In my mind an everlasting mark.

I'm just thankful I could see it,  
Although just for a short time,  
I felt my heart thumping  
And it inspired me with this rhyme.

So I put pen to paper  
Wrote all my thought right here,  
To remind us of this special time  
The eclipse of the sun this year.

All that I set out to see  
Was the village in mid morn  
Go dark and have the street lights on  
As if a new day was being born.

That is what I saw  
And in my heart it will remain  
Because I know in my lifetime  
I will never see it again.

Some say it is a science thing  
Some say it's emotional too,  
I felt something special  
When I saw that beautiful view.

To know everyone had gathered  
To see this phenomenon  
I wish the whole world could be like  
this  
United under the sun.

The way animals reacted  
All huddled in the cold,  
Birds all flew home to roost  
Was true, like we'd been told.

All I can say now  
To bring this to a close,  
Is that the sky's amazing  
To give us this free light show.

So that you all you scientists  
Who got the date just right,  
You told us the best place to be  
For a once-in-a-lifetime sight!

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