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# Opossums

By Liana Mahoney



**O**n your back, three joeys ride

**P**ink-nosed babies blink, wide-eyed.

**O**mnivore, your appetite



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**U**ntil your babes have fully grown.

**M**eals of berries, snails galore –

**S**hared by moonlight, family of four.



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Define joey.

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2. What is this poem mostly about?



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(Copy the words in the two lines.)

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## ANSWER KEY

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*On your back, three joeys ride.*

Define joey.

**A joey is a young opossum.**

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2. What is this poem mostly about?



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**carry their babies until they are old enough to leave her.**

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4. Which two lines of the poem show that opossums are active at night?  
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**Line 4: Sends you stalking through the night.**

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**Line 8: Shared by moonlight, family of four.**

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