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# Opossums

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

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

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**S**olitary, yet not alone

**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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  - c. a mother opossum taking care of her babies
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**A joey is a young opossum.**

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**Line 4: Sends you stalking through the night.**

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

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