



Darkness is Cheap

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Darkness is a place to hide away, where nobody can see you
You can take what you want freely and there is no one to ask for payment
Shopping in the dark is much cheaper with nothing to pay
But not as much fun as buying in company of neighbours

Visits in the dark are unexpected, visits in the dark are frightening
Darkness is a place of shadows, of ghosts, of bogymen, of prowlers, of
thieves
Predators sneak up on sleeping families in the dark
Children who cannot sleep without waking in fear

I cannot see clearly in the dark
I need to be able to see what is coming so I can prepare myself for how to
react
You can creep up on me in the dark, you can hurt me in the shadows

You can play on my insecurities in the dark, you can make me feel not in control

Darkness is often linked with evil doings, bad things, wicked people
Perhaps, instead it can be a way of hiding imperfections, of covering up blemishes,

Of shadowed colours and flattened shapes

Of smoothing out discrepancies, of beautifying common things