

Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!
by Mo Willems

Narrator	Pigeon	Bus driver
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Bus Driver: Oh, good, it's you. Listen, it's getting late and I need to brush my teeth. Can you do me a favor? Don't let the pigeon stay up late! Thanks.

Narrator: The bus driver walks off. In comes Pigeon.

Pigeon: First of all, I'm not even tired!

Narrator: Pigeon starts to dance.

Pigeon: [dancing] In fact, I'm in the mood for a hot dog party! What do you say? No!?

Narrator: Pigeon looks away and folds arms.

Pigeon: Hmph. I hear there's a good show about birds on TV tonight. Should be very educational. How about five more minutes? C'mon! What's five minutes in the grand scheme of things!?

Narrator: Pigeon covers his mouth and yawns.

Pigeon: [yelling] What!? What!?

Narrator: Pigeon wildly flaps his arms.

Pigeon: [yelling] I'M NOT TIRED!

Narrator: Pigeon takes a deep breath and calms down.

Pigeon: Y'know, we never get to talk anymore. Tell me about your day.

Narrator: Pigeon starts jumping up and down.

Pigeon: Oh! I've got a great idea! [sits down] We could count the stars!

Narrator: Pigeon jumps up and begins pacing.

Pigeon: Can I have a glass of water? Studies show that pigeons hardly need any sleep at all! It's the middle of the day in China! I'll go to bed early tomorrow night instead!

Narrator: Pigeon pauses to think. Then he starts marching.

Pigeon: Hey, hey! Ho, ho! This here Pigeon just won't go! [drops to knees] Pleeaaaaaassseeee!

Narrator: Pigeon runs away and comes back with a bunny.

Pigeon: My bunny wants to stay up, too! You can't say "NO" to a bunny, can you?

Narrator: Pigeon drops the bunny and lets out a huge yawn.

Pigeon: Okay, that was NOT a yawn! I was stretching. I'm [yawn] 110% awake...!

Narrator: Pigeon's eyes are getting heavy. He can hardly stand up straight.

Pigeon: You haven't heard the [yaaaawn] last of me!

Narrator: Pigeon is fast asleep.

Pigeon: ZZZZZZZ [snork!] zzzzzzzz.

Narrator: The bus driver returns.

Bus Driver: Great work. Thanks. Good night.

Narrator: Pigeon is dreaming of eating hot dogs with his bunny.

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