

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

As Old Ben's nightly audience of children gathered to warm themselves at his brazier the sky seemed unusually light. Suddenly Ann looked up and pointed excitedly.

"Look at those lights in the sky!" she cried, and even Old Ben, who had never been known to vacate his seat before, stood up to watch the strange lights in the sky.

"What is it, Ben?" asked Peter.

"That's the Aurora Borealis," replied Old Ben. "sometimes called the Northern Lights." The group gazed in silence at the lights for some time. It looked something like a rainbow shot with rays of light.

"Tell us about the Northern Lights, Ben," cried Ann. "What causes them?"

"The Northern Lights are caused by storms on the surface of the sun," began Old Ben, resuming his seat.

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