

# Bedtime

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Five minutes, five minutes more, please!

Let me stay five minutes more!

Can't I just finish the castle I'm building here on the floor?

Can't I just finish the story I'm reading here in my book?

Can't I just finish this bead-chain — It almost is finished, look!

Can't I just finish this game, please?

When a game's once begun

It's a pity never to find out whether you've lost or won.

Can't I just stay five minutes?

Well, can't I just stay four?

Three minutes, then?

two minutes?

Can't I stay one minute more?