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*Night Fall*  
Dale Allison Hartley

## HIAWATHA'S CHILDHOOD

Saw the fire-fly Wah-wah-taysee,  
Flitting through the dusk of evening,  
With the twinkle of its candle  
Lighting up the brakes and bushes,  
And he sang the song of children,  
Sang the song Nokomis taught him;  
“Wah-wah-taysee, little fire-fly,  
Little flitting, white-fire insect,  
Little, dancing, white-fire creature,  
Light me with your little candle,  
Ere upon my bed I lay me,  
Ere in sleep I close my eyelids!”

Excerpt from *Hiawatha's Childhood*, Henry Longfellow.