

Do bears get lonely?

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When days and food are short,
When last year's cub is gone
And next year's mate is still unknown?
Does loneliness well up
And do tears flow?

Do bears crawl into the winter den
Happy to take the long sleep?
Or do they retreat to the dark
Because they do not know
What else to chose
But escape?

When bears dream is it pleasant?
Do they dream of meadows
Warm with bees and tall grasses?
Do they dream of acorns and love?
Or are bears' winter dreams troubled
By images of hunger, cold and isolation?
What *do* bears dream,
Do they dream at all?

How can I know
What bears know?
Should I crawl inside a log
And sleep the loneliness away?
Or go out to search in trees
And caves crying -

Ho Bruno!

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Do you get lonely?