Solar Eclipse Poem*

Help!
No!
This can’t be true,
The sun is gone,
What will we do?
It’s dark!
It’s gray!
Sun's disappeared!
The sun is gone,
It’s what we feared!
Sun's blown out!
Its shine has stopped,
Like lit-up bulbs,
If they've been dropped!

But teacher said,
that afternoon,
The sun is there,
Behind the moon!
Sunlight’s blocked,
By the moon,
So don’t be shocked...
The moon will move,
Past the sun,
And this event,
Will soon be done!

Chinese Myth**

The earliest record of a solar eclipse comes from an ancient Chinese story. Historians believe that the eclipse referred to in this story might have been visible from China around 2134 B.C.

The Chinese once believed that an eclipse was caused by an invisible dragon eating the Sun. They believed that if they created a great commotion with drummers drumming and archers shooting arrows in the sky, the dragon would be frightened away and daylight would return.

When this eclipse occurred, however, the two royal astronomers, Hsi and Ho, failed to predict the eclipse, and the emperor became very angry because he was not prepared to scare the dragon away.

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