

THE REAL RAINFOREST

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Parrots squawking with joy
Birds tweeting in nests above
Apes thudding along
Mice twittering
Leaves rustling
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An orchestra, a rainforest
Tranquillity...
ERUPTION! ERUPTION!
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A black blanket overhead
Silence...
Dawn comes
The sun arises
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With the:
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