

Steve Grabs the Glow



Chink, chink! Steve
digs in a dark cave
with the axe. Same old
rock. Same old coal.

Then a green flash
glows low in the wall.
'Wow!' says Steve. 'An
emerald!' He grabs it
fast.





Hiss! Boom! A monster
blasts up, and dust
blows all round Steve.
He slams into the wall.
Ow!

But look at the
emerald. A deep green
flame **glows** and
flickers inside it.

Steve looks up. **Now**
he is outside! He is on
the grass, under the
stars.

'**How** odd,' says Steve.
The emerald still **glows**
in the dark. 'This is
one odd emerald.'





Twang! An **arrow** zips
past Steve. A bone mob!
Steve grabs the blade
and swings it fast.
Down go the bones.

A little green orb floats
up and **glows**. But then
a sound creeps up from
the **shadows**.

Monsters creep out
from the **shadows**. A
web beast **prowls** in
the grass. A bone
mob aims an **arrow**.
A little green mob
rides a hen! 'Not **now!**'
yells Steve, and he
runs fast in the dark.





Splash! Steve wades deep into the stream. A green mob stands still on the shore. It will not **follow** him into the stream. 'So **slow!**' says Steve, and he swims off. The monsters get small and dim in the dark.

Steve swims on **down**
the stream. The trees
get tall and thick, and
the vines dip **low**.

Then he spots a little
wood hut by the
bank. A hut is a safe
spot to sleep. Steve
swims fast to it.





Steve wakes up. Now the sun shines in the window. He munches the last bit of food. Then he lifts the emerald up to the light. The little flame still **glows** and flickers inside it. Steve grins. 'So, little emerald,' he says. 'On we go!'



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Steve is stuck in a dark cave, digging the same old coal, when a strange glowing emerald pulls him somewhere new: grass, stars, and monsters closing in from every shadow. Arrows fly, a spider prowls, and Steve must run before the danger catches him. Will he find a safe place to hide before the night swallows him whole? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 10: ow as in snow & cow), this book practises words like 'glows', 'shadows', 'prowls', 'follow', 'window'.

Phonics Focus: <ow>

arrow, blows, down, follow, glows, how, low, now, ow, prowls, shadows, slow, window, wow

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