

## **Celestial Eye Candy**

*Go slowly, my lovely Moon, go slowly.—Khaled Hosseini*

Go outside. Look up to the full moon, stargazers.  
A front row seat on Earth awaits.  
The opening act of a rare and eerie cosmic  
event is about to unfold.  
Optimal viewing is guaranteed.  
No travel or telescope is necessary.  
Your backyard and the naked eye works.

Watch as a celestial curtain rises for an extravaganza.  
The Earth, moon and sun align.  
The full moon gets the Earth's shadow.  
We earthlings get a total lunar eclipse, a supermoon  
and a blood moon.

Behold this special moon!  
The lunar eclipse coincides with January's Wolf Moon,  
the first full moon of the year, and a supermoon.  
The Earth comes between the sun and a super moon,  
completely covering the moon with its shadow.  
It's also a supermoon. The moon is full and closest  
to Earth in orbit.

Spy on this biggest, brightest supermoon high in the  
sky, as the moon's brilliance slowly fades and turns  
into a reddish hue.  
Astronomers call this rare and glorious celestial sight  
a "Super Blood Wolf Moon."

Marvel as the Earth's shadow swallows the blood moon.  
Keep a close watch on the heavens.  
You won't want to miss Mother Nature's celestial eye  
candy treat.

Gaze up at the night skies and watch the show's  
grand finale.  
When the brilliant moon slowly slips away,  
the stars come out to play.  
And the planets dance across the night sky ballroom.



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