FEAR NO NIGHTLY NOISES

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This is what Tom Bombadil advised Frodo and his companions.

The nightly noises in the tropics aren't to be feared, but there are plenty of them.

Cicadas: I love the loud noise of the night insects. These days I hardly notice them, but in many ways they sound like *home.*

Music: in Gouabafla we would be kept awake by the sound of the most amazing drumming that I've ever heard. In most African cities the loud music from bars can keep you awake for a slice of the night. Here in Cambodia my sleep was disturbed by amplified music which involved some scrapey fiddle like instrument. I'm sure there is a proper name for the instrument, but I've no idea why someone would blast the sound of it across the neighbourhood at five am.

Morning noises: dogs bark, cocks crow and birds tweet. The tropical morning doesn't sneak in quietly, it bursts on the world with a cacophony of sound. It's wonderful. In cities and towns in some places, the call to prayer from the local mosque (or mosques) means that you don't need an alarm clock.

What are the nightly noises in your world?