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Baby Gorilla

The newest baby in the forest
opens her chestnut eyes:
she sees there's mist, and green, and trees.
Family too – sisters, brothers, aunties, cousins
and her big silver-backed papa.
She snuggles in her mum's strong arms,
her deep dark fur ...
and goes back to sleep.



A large flock of Arctic Terns is depicted in flight over a vast, blue ocean. The birds are shown in various stages of their wing strokes, with their white plumage contrasting sharply against the deep blue water. Each bird has a distinctive black cap and a bright red beak. The background is a textured, painterly representation of the sea, with varying shades of blue and green suggesting depth and movement. The overall composition is dynamic and captures the essence of these birds in their natural habitat.

Arctic Tern

White wings, as delicate as paper,
and a body lighter than a cupcake,
but this small bird flies from pole to pole
and back again each year.

If you add up all the journeys
the Arctic tern makes in its life,
they'd reach up to the moon
and back again, three times.