

Here are my flowers. My buds have opened  
in the spring sunshine. My flower heads are  
like little suns! Bees buzz around them.

*A dandelion flower head is  
made up of around 100  
tiny flowers. These are  
called florets.*

*Dandelion flowers make  
nectar and pollen,  
food for insects,  
such as honeybees.*

*Dandelions are an  
important source  
of food for insects  
in the spring.  
Most plants flower  
later in the year.*

The night is falling. The sky is clear and it is frosty.  
My flowers are closing-up tight, safe from the cold.

*Dandelion flower heads  
close-up when it gets dark.  
The green bracts that  
grow around the  
flower protect it  
from the cold.*

*The closed bracts keep  
the nectar fresh and the  
pollen dry inside the  
flower – ready for the  
insects in the morning.*

Look at my flower heads now!

When the bracts open again,  
a magical transformation has  
taken place.

Each floret has formed a  
seed on a delicate, silky  
pappus. Together, the  
pappi form a ball shape.

The seed heads stay  
open all the time.

My golden-sun flower  
has changed into a  
fluffy, full moon.

My seeds are ready  
and I wait for the  
wind to carry them  
away.



The pappus is like a parachute.  
Air flows through the ring of  
tiny strands lifting the seed  
up and away.

The seed is inside a hard,  
jagged casing called a  
capitulum.