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# **Our Big Blue Sofa**

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After tea, Dad says,

**“Come along  
you two.  
It’s time for bed!”**

But we’re riding through  
the jungle on the back of a

**big blue  
elephant.**



“Can we stay up?”  
asks Tom.

“Elephants don’t like  
to be rushed.”

“Ten more minutes  
and then  
**straight  
to bed,**”

says Dad.

Mum is calling from  
the other room,

**"TOM! JESSY!  
Tea's ready."**

We can only just  
hear her because  
now we're in a

**big blue  
taxicab**

and we're stuck in traffic  
on a noisy city street.



**BEEP!  
BEEP!  
HONK!  
HONK!  
BEEP!  
BEEP!  
HONK!  
BEEP!**