




How the Sun Was Made

A Traditional Aboriginal Story
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A long, long time ago, way back at the beginning of the Dreaming, there were no people on earth. Huge birds and beasts lived on the land.

At this time, only the moon and stars shone in the sky, for there was no sun. There was no daylight and earth was in semi-darkness.



Dinewan, the emu, and Brolga lived on the land near the Murrumbidgee River. One day, they had a terrible fight. Brolga rushed to Dinewan's nest and grabbed one of her large eggs. Then she threw it, as hard as she could, up into the sky. The egg hit a pile of firewood and broke open. As the yellow yolk flowed across the sticks and logs, the firewood burst into flames.

