Path Keeper

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Over moss and water flowing,
barefoot boy who wanders, lonely,
follow fox with lantern glowing.

Nightly wind in great boughs blowing,
turtle, insect, flower, stone,
over moss and water flowing.

Ears alert, gaze is knowing,
midnight fur and keenest nose;
follow fox with lantern glowing.

Onward, where is mute-paws going?
Safe and soft, the path he roams,
over moss and water flowing.

Weariness in limb is growing,
passing bugs with flash of flow.
Pauses when the boy is slowing.

Follow close this way he's showing,
he will lead you safely home.
Over moss and water flowing,
follow fox with lantern glowing.