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A lunar calendar including
full moon dates through 2018
with lunar phases for 2012

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poems by Mister Koppa

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WORM MOON

c124 Copralalian Gardens

Thirties then forties
and there goes the snow.
The cure for Spring Fever?
It's five below.

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
March 8	March 27	March 16	March 5	March 23	March 12	March 1
03:41	04:30	12:10	12:06	07:01	21:54	18:52



PINK MOON

c125 Fire in the Hole

With the sky sky blue
and the sap done running,
the early grass greening
is yesterday's news.

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
April 6	April 25	April 15	April 4	April 22	April 11	April 29
14:20	14:59	02:45	07:07	00:25	01:09	19:59



FLOWER MOON

c126 Sit Later

Here comes the sun
resurrecting the dead.
Shake off the dust;
there's more up ahead.

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
May 5	May 24	May 14	May 3	May 21	May 10	May 29
22:36	23:27	14:18	22:44	16:16	16:43	09:20



c127 Frankenberry Fields Ltd.

STRAWBERRY MOON

The seeds are sunk.
The prep is done.
This hemisphere
is under the sun.

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June 4	June 23	June 12	June 2	June 20	June 9	June 27
06:11	06:33	23:13	11:21	06:04	08:11	23:54



BUCK MOON

c128 Flight of the Coneflowers

One by one
and day by day
—bloom bloom bloom—
each one in turn;
they know their place.

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
July 3	July 22	July 12	July 1	July 19	July 8	July 27
13:51	13:16	06:26	21:22	17:59	23:08	15:22



STURGEON MOON

c129 Lilywhite Liliths

Summer is days
and days and days.
Some for work
and some for laze.

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
August 1	August 20	August 10	August 29	August 18	August 7	August 26
22:27	20:45	13:10	13:37	04:29	13:12	06:58



BLUE MOON[1]

c156 You Saw Me Standing

Alone.[2]

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018[3]
August 31 08:57			July 31 05:45			January 31 07:27 March 31 07:37



HARVEST MOON

c130 Chinese Aster Master

That's it. It's past;
we're moving around it.
Marvelous, generous;
don't take it for granted.

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
September 29	September 19	September 8[4]	September 27	September 16	September 6[5]	September 24
22:18	06:12	20:38	21:52	14:07	02:04	21:54

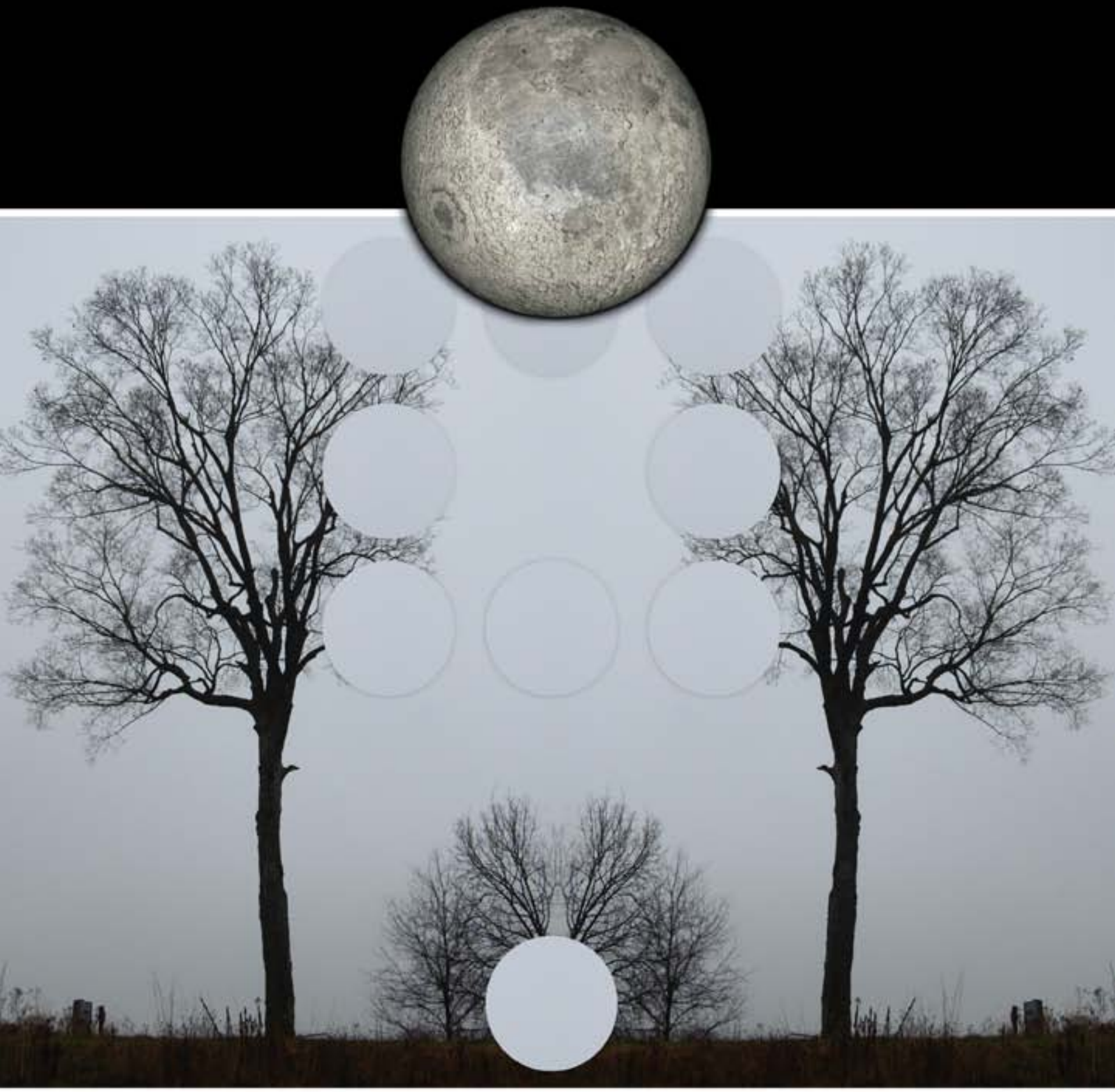


HUNTER MOON

c131 These Are a Few of My Favorite Colors

So this is what it's like to age;
a little bit better every day.
Wisdom is color and colors are warm.
The green of our youth
has come and gone.

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
October 29	October 18	October 8	October 27	October 15	October 5[5]	October 24
14:50	18:37	05:50	07:05	23:25	13:41	11:47



BEAVER MOON

c132 Tall Boys

Cold, wet, and resting
but not too cold, and not dead.
And, hey, sometimes sunny
pretty close to the end.

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
November 28	November 17	November 6	November 25	November 14	November 4	November 22
08:47	09:16	16:22	16:44	07:53	00:24	23:41

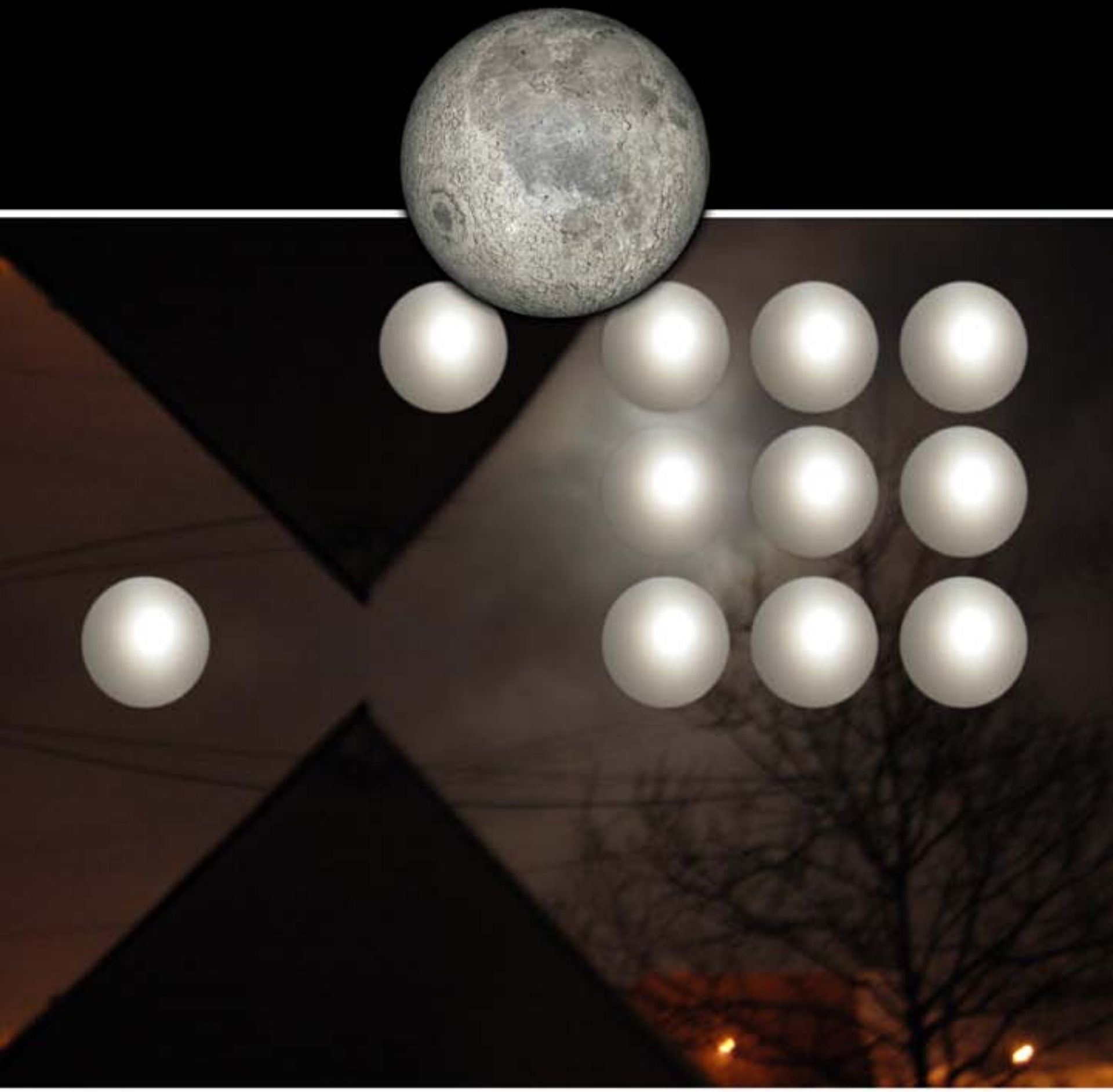


COLD MOON

c133 The Stream of Subconsciousness

The ice might cover
that crooked river up,
but the water underneath—
it's not gonna stop.

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
December 28	December 17	December 6	December 25	December 13	December 3	December 22
04:22	03:29	06:27	05:11	18:06	09:48	11:50

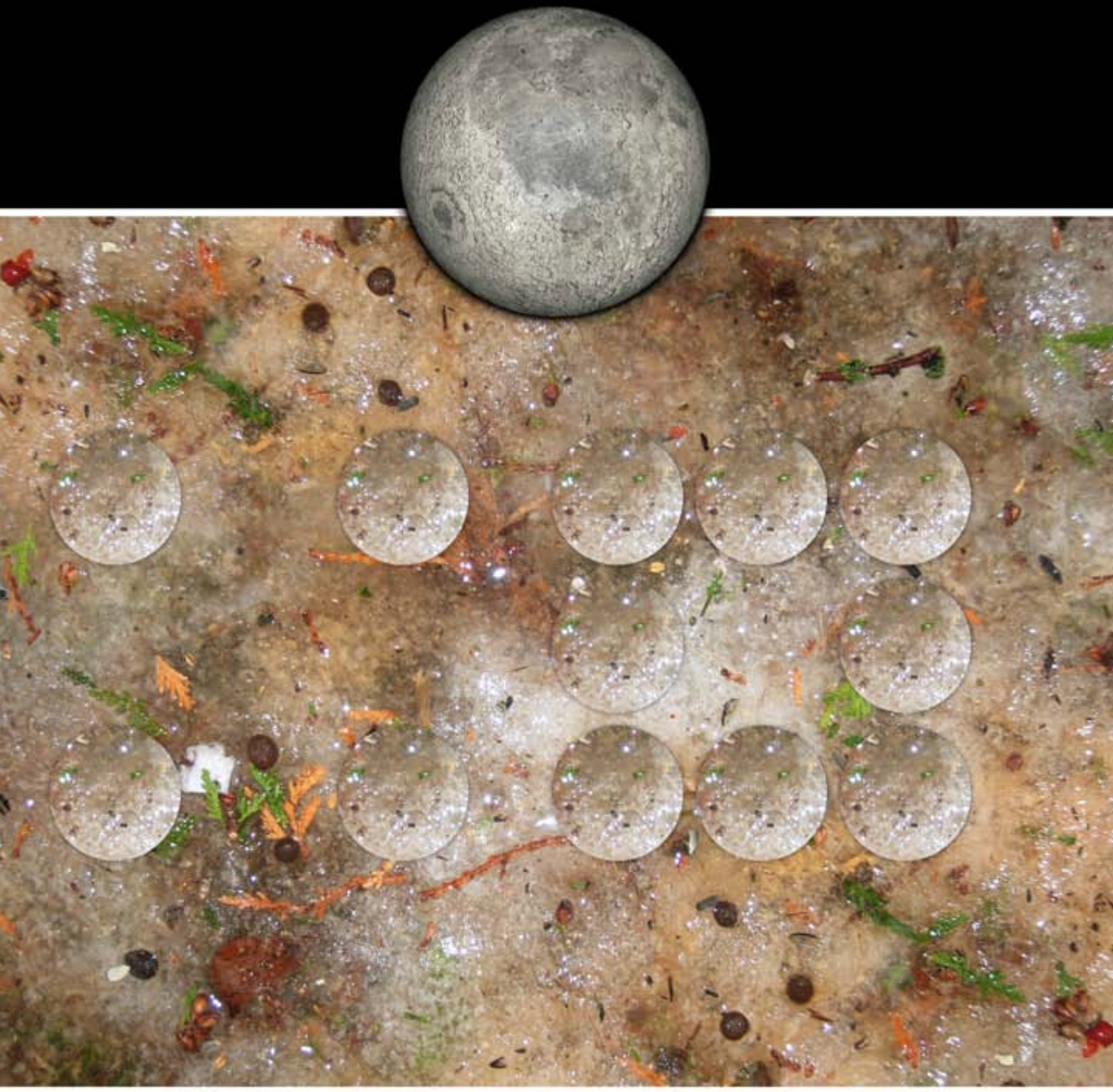


WOLF MOON

c134 Icy Sky

Crispy crispy cold
with light and fluffy snow
and when the wind begins to blow
that's when you know
[pause for effect]
it's really pretty cold.

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January 9	January 26	January 15	January 4	January 23	January 12	January 1
01:32	10:40	22:53	22:54	07:46	05:35	20:25



SNOW MOON

c135 Cedar Raisins

How 'bout that? It melts.
And it comes back.
And it melts.
And the worms are getting restless.

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
February 7 15:56	February 25 14:28	February 14 17:54	February 3 17:10	February 22 12:20	February 10 18:33	

SUNDAY	1ST Q	JAN 29	FEB 26	MAR 25	APR 22	NEW MOON	JUN 17	JUL 15	AUG 12	SEP 9	OCT 7	NOV 4	DEC 2
MON	JAN 2	1ST Q	27	26	23	MAY 21	18	16	13	10	LAST Q	5	3
TUE	3	31	28	27	24	22	NEW MOON	17	14	11	9	LAST Q	4
WED	4	FEB 1	1ST Q	28	25	23	SOL-STICE	NEW MOON	15	12	10	7	5
THU	5	2	MAR 1	29	26	24	21	19	16	13	11	8	LAST Q
FRI	6	3	2	1ST Q	27	25	22	20	NEW MOON	14	12	9	7
SAT	7	4	3	31	28	26	23	21	18	NEW MOON	13	10	8
SUN	8	5	4	APR 1	1ST Q	27	24	22	19	16	14	11	9
MON	WOLF MOON	6	5	2	30	1ST Q	25	23	20	17	NEW MOON	12	10
TUE	10	SNOW MOON	6	3	MAY 1	29	1ST Q	24	21	18	16	NEW MOON	11
WED	11	8	7	4	2	30	27	25	22	19	17	14	12
THU	12	9	WORM MOON	5	3	31	28	1ST Q	23	20	18	15	NEW MOON
FRI	13	10	9	PINK MOON	4	JUN 1	29	27	1ST Q	21	19	16	14
SAT	14	11	10	7	FLOWER MOON	2	30	28	25	1ST Q EQUINOX	20	17	15
SUN	15	12	11	8	6	3	JUL 1	29	26	23	1ST Q	18	16
MON	LAST Q	13	12	9	7	STRAW-BERRY MOON	2	30	27	24	22	19	17
TUE	17	LAST Q	13	10	8	5	BUCK MOON	31	28	25	23	1ST Q	18
WED	18	15	LAST Q	11	9	6	4	STUR-GEON MOON	29	26	24	21	1ST Q
THU	19	16	15	12	10	7	5	2	30	27	25	22	20
FRI	20	17	16	LAST Q	11	8	6	3	BLUE MOON	28	26	23	SOL-STICE
SAT	21	18	17	14	LAST Q	9	7	4	SEP 1	HARVEST MOON	27	24	22
SUN	22	19	18	15	13	10	8	5	2	30	28	25	23
MON	NEW MOON	20	19	16	14	LAST Q	9	6	3	OCT 1	HUNTER MOON	26	24
TUE	24	NEW MOON	EQUINOX	17	15	12	LAST Q	7	4	2	30	27	25
WED	25	22	21	18	16	13	11	8	5	3	31	BEAVER MOON	26
THU	26	23	NEW MOON	19	17	14	12	LAST Q	6	4	NOV 1	29	27
FRI	27	24	23	20	18	15	13	10	7	5	2	30	COLD MOON
SAT	28	25	24	NEW MOON	19	16	14	11	LAST Q	6	3	DEC 1	29
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ENDNOTES

[1] "In the 21st century, according to folklore, the name Blue Moon has two meanings. A Blue Moon can be the second full moon in a calendar month. Or it can be the third of four full moons in a single season." This calendar follows the former definition of blue moon. *http://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/when-is-the-next-blue-moon*

[2] After writing this semi-plagiaristic one-word poem, I googled one-word poems and it appears the most noteworthy one-word poem ever written is *One-word Poem* by David R. Slavitt. Poets.org shares a list of discussion questions regarding Slavitt's masterpiece; the second question asks, "Can you suggest a sadder word?" Yes, I think I have. *http://www.poets.org/viewmedia.php/prmMID/19151*

[3] According to infoplease.com,

> The rare phenomenon of two blue moons (using the more recent definition) occurring in the same year happens approximately once every 19 years. 1999 was the last time a blue moon appeared twice, in January and March.
>
> The months of the double blue moons are almost always January and March. That is because the short month that falls in between them, February, is a key ingredient in this once-every-19-year phenomenon. For January and March to each have two full moons, it's necessary for February to have none at all. Since February is usually 28 days long, and the average span between full moons is 29.5 days, if a full moon occurs at the end of January, it's possible for the next full moon to skip February entirely and fall in the beginning of March.

The curiosity of this lunar calendar ending on double blue moon year, and without a full moon on the last date in the sequence in which the moons are presented herein, was pure chance—something one might say could only happen once every double blue moon.[6] *http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bluemoon1.html*

[4] The Harvest Moon is the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox. It is usually the full moon in the month of September, but every four years or so it occurs in October. In 2014, both the September and October full moons occur 15 days on either side of the autumnal equinox. This must be why the Wikipedia entry for Harvest Moon at the time of this research (11-11-11) states, "It is the first full moon closest to that equinox." Tie goes to who's first, I guess. *http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harvest_moon*

[5] According to the rules stated in [4], the Harvest Moon in 2017 occurs in October, and September's full moon, according to the Old Farmers' Almanac tradition, will be called the Corn Moon. Technically, there will be no Hunter Moon in 2017.

[6] "Blue moon" appears to have been a colloquial expression long before it developed its calendrical senses. According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the first reference to a blue moon comes from a proverb recorded in 1528:

> *If they say the moon is blue,*
> *We must believe that it is true.*
>
> Saying the moon was blue was equivalent to saying the moon was made of green (or cream) cheese; it indicated an obvious absurdity. In the 19th century, the phrase "until a blue moon" developed, meaning "never." The phrase, "once in a blue moon," today has come to mean "every now and then" or "rarely." Whether it gained that meaning through association with the lunar event remains uncertain.

Okay, whatever. Serendipitously creating a 7-year lunar calendar that ends on a double blue moon year doesn't happen very often. In fact, it may have never happened before. Sometimes the pieces just fall into place. And furthermore, it looks to me like that proverb suggests a blue moon is hardly an indicator of an obvious absurdity, but rather of a call to blind conformity. But I suppose it's taken out of context here. I could go on. *http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bluemoon1.html*

COLOPHON

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