

brightly. The shooting stars are such quick messengers that they can take around the invitations and directions more quickly than any other messengers any star can think of. Then, of course, they understand all the stars have to say.

“At this banquet they had two very, very famous guests, and proud indeed they were that they could have two such fine personages at their banquet. For usually, they said, one fine guest was enough of an honor. The first was the moon king. Now, when the Old Man in the Moon wears his robes of silver-gray and around his head a golden crown, then he calls himself the moon king. It is only when he is going to a splendid banquet that he does that, as usually he enjoys being the Old Man in the Moon much more.

“And the moon king looked very bright and dazzling and handsome. He didn't grin as much as he usually does, but looked very solemn and as he thought a king ought to look.

“Then the banquet began. They all sat at a long table along the milky way, and the