

# Phrases for Phases

Lyrics by Becky Nelson, Lunar and Planetary Institute

Sung to the tune *The Ants Go Marching*.

Moon phases are shown in capital letters.

Each Moon phase marches COUNTERCLOCKWISE —

Now, let's start . . .

The first phase is the NEW MOON that we see as dark.

Then next the WAXING CRESCENT shines

A little light upon the right,

And after that's the

QUARTER MOON, where the

Right half's light.

Waxing Crescent



First Quarter



Waxing Gibbous



Full Moon



Waning Gibbous



Last Quarter



Waning Crescent



Following is WAXING GIBBOUS on the right,

Where the light continues spreading and becoming bright.

We'll be halfway through the phases soon,

With the FULLEst, brightest, biggest Moon,

Just before the dark creeps

On the right

Of a WANING MOON.

The WANING GIBBOUS phase is when the light will shrink,

Then what will be the next phase after that, you think?

It's once again a QUARTER MOON,

But the dark half's now upon the right,

And the left side is the

One's that's bright!!

Did you get that right?

The next phase is the last phase where there's just a spark

Of light, so WANING CRESCENT appears almost dark!

The Moon is really magical,

When it's WAXING, WANING, NEW or FULL.

And it couldn't shine at all

without .....

The SUN'S .....bright light!!

Explore: *Marvel Moon*

<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/explore>