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Poetry Worksheet

Read the poem below. Then answer the questions.



THE LITTLE STAR

by Jane Taylor

Twinkle, twinkle, little star;
How I wonder what you are,
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky!⁴

When the blazing sun is set,⁵
And the grass with dew is wet,
Then you show your little light;
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.⁸

Then, if I were in the dark,⁹
I would thank you for your spark.
I could not see which way to go,
If you did not twinkle so.¹²

And when I am sound asleep,¹³
Oft you through my window peep;
For you never shut your eye,
Till the sun is in the sky.¹⁶

QUESTIONS

1. What is the rhyme scheme for the first stanza of this poem?

2. How many syllables are there in lines 1?

3. How would you describe the structure of this poem?

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4. In line 15, “for you never shut your eye”, is an example of:

hyperbole metaphor onomatopoeia personification

5. The phrase “like a diamond in the sky” (line 4) is an example of:

metaphor personification simile hyperbole

6. From whose perspective is the poem written?

7. What questions are being asked throughout the poem?

8. Which choice best describes how the poem is organized?

- ☐ in four quatrains
- ☐ in related stanzas
- ☐ in a rhyming pattern
- ☐ in sixteen lines