



Year 7 Poetry 3: The Midnight Sky

Read the following poem and answer the questions below:

The Midnight Sky

Above the world, so dark and high,
Glow the quiet midnight sky,
Stars like diamonds gently sigh,
In the stillness, they beautify.

The moon, a pearl in velvet black,
Guides the night on its track,
Casting shadows, long and slack,
As dreams begin to unpack.

The owls call out, a haunting tune,
Echoes under the watchful moon,
In the night, not too soon,
Morning waits, a distant boon.

The wind it whispers through the night,
Bringing coolness, a gentle bite,
A calming presence, soft and light,
In the dark, devoid of fright.

In the sky, the stars align,
A silent dance, pure and fine,
In this moment, all is divine,
The midnight sky, a sign.



Multiple Choice Questions

1. What language technique is used in "Stars like diamonds gently sigh"?
 - A) Hyperbole
 - B) Simile
 - C) Metaphor
 - D) Personification

2. The phrase "The moon, a pearl in velvet black" is an example of:
 - A) Simile
 - B) Personification
 - C) Metaphor
 - D) Alliteration

3. Which word best describes the mood of the poem?
 - A) Peaceful
 - B) Chaotic
 - C) Suspenseful
 - D) Energetic

4. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?
 - A) ABAB
 - B) AABB
 - C) ABCB
 - D) ABBA



5. The phrase "In the stillness, they beautify" is an example of:
- A) Simile
 - B) Metaphor
 - C) Personification
 - D) Onomatopoeia
6. What does the midnight sky symbolize in the poem?
- A) Chaos
 - B) Peace
 - C) Fear
 - D) Adventure
7. What language technique is used in "The wind it whispers through the night"?
- A) Simile
 - B) Metaphor
 - C) Alliteration
 - D) Personification
8. The line "Casting shadows, long and slack" creates what type of imagery?
- A) Visual
 - B) Auditory
 - C) Tactile
 - D) Olfactory



9. Which of the following is present in the poem?

- A) Simile
- B) Onomatopoeia
- C) Personification
- D) Hyperbole

10. The overall tone of the poem can be described as:

- A) Melancholic
- B) Tranquil
- C) Anxious
- D) Jubilant



Short Answer Questions

1. How does the poet use metaphors to describe the night sky?

2. What is the significance of the owl's call in the poem?

3. How does the poet create a sense of calmness through imagery?

4. Explain the use of personification in the poem and its effect on the reader?



5. How does the poet contrast light and dark in the poem?

6. What effect does the rhyme scheme have on the mood of the poem?

7. Discuss the role of the wind in the poem and its contribution to the atmosphere?

8. How does the poet use the imagery of stars to convey a sense of wonder?



9. Why does the poet describe the moon as "a pearl in velvet black"?

10. What is the overall message or theme of the poem?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice Questions:

1. B) Simile
2. C) Metaphor
3. A) Peaceful
4. B) AABB
5. C) Personification
6. B) Peace
7. D) Personification
8. A) Visual
9. C) Personification
10. B) Tranquil

Short Answer Questions:

1. The poet uses metaphors like "Stars like diamonds" and "The moon, a pearl in velvet black" to enhance the beauty and serenity of the night sky, making it more relatable and vivid to the reader.
2. The owl's call serves as a haunting, yet calming presence in the night, reinforcing the peaceful yet mysterious mood of the poem.
3. The poet creates calmness through imagery such as "a calming presence, soft and light," which emphasizes the gentle, serene aspects of the night.
4. Personification is used in phrases like "Stars like diamonds gently sigh" and "The wind it whispers," giving nature human-like qualities that make the scene more alive and engaging for the reader.
5. The poet contrasts light and dark through descriptions like "The moon, a pearl in velvet black," highlighting the beauty of light against the darkness of the night sky.
6. The AABB rhyme scheme gives the poem a rhythmic and soothing flow, enhancing the tranquil and reflective mood.
7. The wind is portrayed as a gentle, calming force that brings coolness and tranquility, contributing to the peaceful atmosphere of the poem.
8. The imagery of stars as "diamonds" and their "silent dance" conveys a sense of wonder and admiration for the beauty and mystery of the night sky.
9. The moon is described as "a pearl in velvet black" to emphasize its luminous beauty against the dark night, symbolizing purity and tranquility.
10. The overall message of the poem is the peaceful and awe-inspiring beauty of the midnight sky, which brings calmness and reflection.



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