



Year 8 Poetry 12: The Wandering Star

Read the following poem and answer the questions below:

The Wandering Star

In the velvet cloak of night,
A star drifts in a silent flight.
It wanders through the darkened skies,
With a gentle gleam in its eyes.

It does not follow fixed, straight lines,
But roams where stardust intertwines.
Its path is wild, its course unknown,
A solitary light, alone.

The moon may guide with steady grace,
But the star moves at its own pace.
It dances through the cosmic sea,
A beacon of the wild and free.

Its light, though faint, is pure and true,
A symbol of the paths we pursue.
For in its wander, we might see,
The courage to be wild and free.

So let the star's uncertain flight,
Inspire dreams beneath the night.
For in its journey far and wide,
Lies a spirit none can hide.



Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the primary subject of the poem?

- A) The moon
- B) A wandering star
- C) A comet
- D) The sun

2. What does the wandering star symbolize in the poem?

- A) Fixed destiny
- B) Independence and freedom
- C) Endless night
- D) Guided paths

3. Which language technique is used in "A star drifts in a silent flight"?

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

4. What mood is created by the line "A star drifts in a silent flight"?

- A) Excited
- B) Mysterious
- C) Angry
- D) Joyful



5. How does the poet contrast the star with the moon?
- A) The star is bright, while the moon is dim
 - B) The star is fixed, while the moon wanders
 - C) The star wanders freely, while the moon has a steady path
 - D) The star is large, while the moon is small
6. What is suggested by the phrase "A symbol of the paths we pursue"?
- A) The star represents the obstacles we face
 - B) The star signifies the goals we strive to achieve
 - C) The star shows the failures we experience
 - D) The star indicates the comfort of following a set path
7. Which language technique is evident in "Its light, though faint, is pure and true"?
- A) Hyperbole
 - B) Alliteration
 - C) Imagery
 - D) Personification
8. What does the poet mean by "Lies a spirit none can hide"?
- A) The star's spirit is visible to everyone
 - B) The star's spirit is concealed in darkness
 - C) The star's spirit is innate and cannot be hidden
 - D) The star's spirit is hidden in its light



9. How does the poet use imagery in the poem?

- A) By describing the star's fixed path
- B) By illustrating the star's gentle light and cosmic dance
- C) By detailing the star's collision with other celestial bodies
- D) By showing the star's interaction with earthly objects

10. Which of the following is a theme of the poem?

- A) The struggle between light and dark
- B) The beauty of the cosmos
- C) The importance of following a path
- D) The value of individuality and freedom



Short Answer Questions

1. How does the poet use personification in the poem?

2. What is the effect of the metaphor "A beacon of the wild and free"?

3. Identify the rhyme scheme of the second stanza.

4. How does the poet contrast the star's journey with that of the moon?



5. Discuss the significance of the star's "faint" light in the poem.

6. What does the phrase "Inspire dreams beneath the night" suggest about the star's role?

7. How does the poet use imagery to depict the star's movement?

8. What is the mood conveyed in the final stanza, and how is it achieved?



9. How does the poet convey the theme of individuality in the poem?

10. What is the overall message of the poem regarding the star and its journey?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice Answers:

1. B) A wandering star
2. B) Independence and freedom
3. B) Personification
4. B) Mysterious
5. C) The star wanders freely, while the moon has a steady path
6. B) The star signifies the goals we strive to achieve
7. C) Imagery
8. C) The star's spirit is innate and cannot be hidden
9. B) By illustrating the star's gentle light and cosmic dance
10. D) The value of individuality and freedom

Short Answer Key:

1. The poet personifies the star by attributing human qualities to it, such as the ability to "drift," "wander," and "dance," which helps convey the star's free and independent nature.
2. The metaphor "A beacon of the wild and free" suggests that the star represents an ideal of freedom and individuality, inspiring others to embrace their own paths and desires.
3. The rhyme scheme of the second stanza is AABB.
4. The poet contrasts the star's journey with that of the moon by highlighting the star's free and unpredictable path versus the moon's steady and guided motion.
5. The star's "faint" light signifies its subtle yet pure and meaningful presence, contrasting with more dominant celestial bodies and emphasizing its unique role.
6. The phrase "Inspire dreams beneath the night" suggests that the star's journey encourages people to dream and pursue their own goals despite the challenges or uncertainties they may face.
7. The poet uses imagery to depict the star's movement by describing it as drifting, dancing, and roaming, which evokes a vivid picture of its graceful and unpredictable path across the sky.
8. The mood conveyed in the final stanza is one of inspiration and wonder, achieved by portraying the star's journey as a symbol of individual spirit and freedom, encouraging readers to find their own paths.
9. The poet conveys the theme of individuality by presenting the star as a unique and free-moving entity, which contrasts with more fixed or conventional celestial bodies and symbolizes the importance of following one's own path.
10. The overall message of the poem is that the wandering star represents the spirit of freedom and individuality, encouraging others to embrace their own unique journeys and dreams, regardless of constraints or expectations.



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