

The 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.

When the blazing sun is gone,
When he nothing shines upon,
Then you show your little light,
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.

Then the traveller in the dark,
Thanks you for your tiny spark,
He could not see which way to go,
If you did not twinkle so.

In the dark blue sky you keep,
And often through my curtains peep,
For you never shut your eye,
Till the sun is in the sky.

As your bright and tiny spark,
Lights the traveller in the dark –
Though I know not what you are,
Twinkle, twinkle, little star.



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- The star looks like a diamond in the sky.
- The traveller thanks the star for its light.
- The star shows it's light when the sun is gone.



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- 4** The star peeps through the poet's curtains.
- 1** The star looks like a diamond in the sky.
- 3** The traveller thanks the star for its light.
- 2** The star shows its light when the sun is gone.

2. Why does the traveller thank the star?

Accept answers relating to the wording of paragraph 3 of the poem.

E.g.

- **for its tiny spark**
- **for helping him find the way to go**
- **for showing him which way to go**
- **for lighting up his path**

3. Find and copy two adjectives that the poet uses to describe the star's spark.

- **tiny**
- **bright**

4. How do you think the poet feels about the star?

Explain why you think this.

Accept any reasonable answer relating to the following themes:

- **They are curious about the star** because they say 'though I know not what you are' or 'how I wonder what you are!'
- **They are thankful for the star's light helping travellers find their way** because they say 'lights the traveller in the dark' or 'he could not see which way to go, if you did not twinkle so'.
- **They admire the star's beauty** because they think it looks 'like a diamond in the sky'.