

Girls' High School and College, Prayagraj

Worksheet- 4

Session- 2020 - 2021

Class 4 A-F

Subject- English Literature

Topic - QUESTIONS AT NIGHT (POEM)

Instructions- Parents to ensure that the child recites the poem several times with correct pronunciation and reads the summary carefully before attempting the Exercises given below-

Poem:

Why  
is the sky?

What starts the thunder overhead?  
Who makes the crashing noise?  
Are the angels falling out of bed?  
Are they breaking all their toys?

Why does the sun go down so soon?  
Why do the night-clouds crawl  
Hungry up to the new-laid moon  
And swallow it, shell and all?

If there's a Bear among the stars,  
As all the people say,  
Won't he jump over those Pasture-bars  
And drink up the Milky Way?

Does every star that happens to fall  
Turn into a fire-fly?  
Can't it ever get back to Heaven at all?  
And why  
is the sky?

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-Louis Untermeyer



**Summary** - The poem " Questions at Night " is written by Louis Untermeyer. This poem is about a child asking questions to God just before going off to sleep in her little bed. The child is asking different questions to God regarding the presence of the sky, about the crashing noise of the thunder, about the presence of the sun, the moon, the stars and about the relation between a falling star and a firefly.

## EXERCISES

EX. 1 - Complete the following lines :

1. Does every star that \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Won't he jump over \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Can't it ever \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Hungrily up to the \_\_\_\_\_?

EX. 2- Match the columns -

A

1. Milky Way
2. New-laid moon
3. Thunder
4. Firefly
5. Constellation

B

- a loud crashing noise
- the galaxy of which our solar system is a part
- a new moon
- a group of stars
- a soft-bodied beetle
- related to the glow-worm

EX 3- Write the first eight lines of the poem "Questions at Night". Name the poet also.

EX. 4- Answer in one word :

Q. 1- Who is the speaker of the poem?

Q. 2- What does the child compare the firefly to?

**Q. 3- Name the poet of the poem "Questions at Night".**

**Q. 4- What does the child compare the moon to?**

**EX. 5- Write and learn the following questions and answers :**

**Q. 1 - Note down the rhyming pair words from the poem.**

**A. 1- The rhyming pair words are -**

**i) fall - all**

**ii) overhead - bed**

**iii) noise - toys**

**iv) soon -moon**

**v) crawl- all**

**vi) say - way**

**vii) firefly - sky**

**viii) stars - mars**

**Q. 2 - When the child hears thunder what does she think is happening?**

**A. 2- When the child hears thunder, she thinks that the angels are falling out of the bed or they are breaking the toys.**

**Q. 3- What do the clouds do to the moon?**

**A. 3- The clouds are hungry and have swallowed the moon.**

**Q. 4- According to the child what happens to a falling star?**

**A. 4- According to the child, a falling star becomes a firefly.**

**Q. 5- What is the first question asked by the child?**

**A. 5- The first question asked by the child was regarding the presence of the sky.**

**Q. 6- What is this poem about?**

**A. 6- This poem is about a child asking questions to God just before going off to sleep in her little bed.**

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