

The Star



A white star born in the evening glow
Looked to the round green world below,
And saw a pool in a wooded place
That held like a jewel her mirrored face.
She said to the pool: "Oh, wondrous deep,
I love you, I give you my light to keep.
Oh, more profound than the moving sea
That never has shown myself to me!
Oh, fathomless as the sky is far,
Hold forever your tremulous star!"
But out of the woods as night grew cool
A brown pig came to the little pool,
It grunted and splashed and waded in
And the deepest place but reached its chin.
The water gurgled with tender glee
And the mud churned up in it turbidly.
The star grew pale and hid her face
In a bit of floating cloud like lace.

By Sara Teasdale (1883-1933)



Year 4 Reading Assessment Poetry

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Questions 15 to 23 are about 'The Star'

15. What time of day is it in the poem?

1 mark

16. Find and copy **two** things that the star saw when she looked down.

1. _____

2. _____

2 marks

17. What did the star give to the pool to keep? Circle one.

the moving sea

a jewel

her light

1 mark

18. Look at line 4. Why is the star's face described as 'mirrored'?

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19. Find and copy the line which shows us that the pig disturbs the peaceful setting.

20. *The star grew pale and hid her face*

In this line, the word 'pale' is closest in meaning to... (Tick one)

twinkling colourless

sparkly bright

21. How did the actions of the pig affect the star? Circle one.

the moving water didn't reflect the
star any more

the star didn't like
the pig so it hid itself

22. 'A brown pig came to the little pool
It grunted and splashed and waded in
And the deepest place but reached its chin'

What do these lines tell us about the depth of the pool?

1 mark

1 mark

1 mark

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