

MEMORIZE A POEM A MONTH

Do you keep your windows open at night. Do you ever look up at the sky while lying on bed? As you look at the twinkling stars, what thoughts come to your mind? Do you ever compare the stars to things that you see on earth?

Here is a poem about stars. But the title is "Daisies." Read the poem through and find out why this title is given to the poem. Daisies are white flowers that look like white cosmos.

Who is talking in the poem? Where is he when he sees the stars? What name does he give to the stars? Which are the meadows of the night?

As the child thinks of the stars, what appears in the sky? What does he think of the moon?

Read the third stanza carefully. Does the child see any star in the sky when he wakes up in the morning? Recall the name that he gives to the stars in the first stanza. Where does he find daisies in the daytime? Can you tell now why he thinks that the moon is a lady that gathers the daisies in the sky?

Try to see the different pictures in the poem in the order in which they are given. Remember the words that describe the pictures. Read the poem aloud several times seeing the pictures and hearing the words. Repeat until you can recite the poem.



DAISIES

At evening, when I go to bed,
I see the stars shine overhead.
They are the little daisies white
That dot the meadows of the night.

And often while I'm dreaming so,
Across the sky the moon will go.
She is a lady sweet and fair,
Who comes to gather daisies there.

For when at morning I arise,
There's not a star left in the skies;
She's picked them all and dropped them
down
Into the meadows of the town.

—Frank Demster Sherman