

Poetry Reading Comprehension

Read the poem and answer the questions

Star

Star in the heavens, what is your fate,
and when were you born to the sky?
How will you spend all of your light,
and how will you finally die?

Will you become a fiery red giant,
leaving a hot ball of flame,
Spreading your gas and dust into space,
to aid in the birth of the same?

Or is your mass so great you'll explode,
filling the sky with your light?
Will you become a pulsating beam,
that keeps perfect time in the night?

Far stranger still, if you are more massive,
than neighbors in your border space,
Will you collapse to become a black hole;
a tunnel to some other place?

Star in the heavens, are you aware,
that time passes on far below?
You stand aloof while generations of us,
quickly come and then go

But at the time you finally die,
we do not gaze passively
For it is only because of you,
that all life is able to be!

By Lauren Pierce

1. What might the star become when it dies?

- A. A pulsating beam or a nebula.
 - B. A red giant or a black hole.
 - C. A pulsating beam or a border space.
 - D. A red giant or a sun.
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2. In the third stanza of this poem, the word pulsating means what?

- A. Static.
 - B. Light.
 - C. Massive.
 - D. Vibrating.
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3. What would be another good title for this poem?

- A. Red Giants and Black Holes.
 - B. Stars and Constellations.
 - C. The Life and Death of Stars.
 - D. The Sun: Earth's Star.
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4. How long does a star live?

- A. Longer than many generations of people.
 - B. As long as the nearest star.
 - C. As long as one generation of people.
 - D. Until another star is born.
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5. What type of feelings does the speaker have about stars?

- A. Dread and fear.
- B. Indifference and apathy.
- C. Wonder and respect.
- D. Sympathy and understanding.