

Firework Night By Enid Blyton

BANG!

What's that?

Bang-Bang! Oh, Hark,

The guns are shooting in the dark!

Little guns and big ones too,

Bang-bang-bang!

What shall I do?

Mistress, Master, hear me yelp,

I'm out-of-doors, I want your help.

Let me in - oh, LET ME IN

Before those fireworks begin

To shoot again - I can't bear that;

My tail is down, my ears are flat,

I'm trembling here outside the door,

Oh, don't you love me anymore?

BANG!

I think I'll die with fright

Unless you let me in to-night.

(Shall we let him in, children?)

Ah, now the door is opened wide,

I'm rushing through, I'm safe inside,

The lights are on, it's warm and grand -

Mistress, let me lick your hand

Before I slip behind the couch.

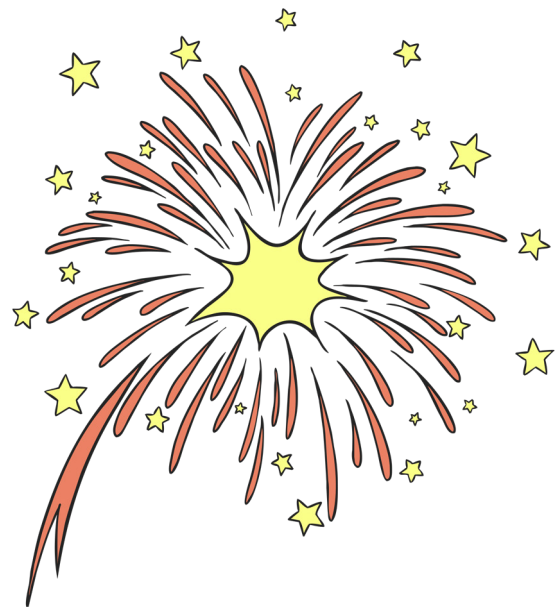
There I'll hide myself and crouch

In safety till the BANGS are done -

Then to my kennel I will run

And guard you safely all the night

Because you understood my fright.



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Answer in full sentences.

1. Which animal is scared of the fireworks in the poem? Give evidence for your answer.

2. What are the fireworks compared to? Give evidence for your answer.

3. What does this line suggest about the way the animal is feeling?

'Let me in-oh, LET ME IN' Explain your reasoning.

4. Why does the animal think it's been left outside?

5. Who do you think is saying this line?

'(Shall we let him in, children?)'

6. What does the animal say he will do as a way of thanking his owner?

7. Why do you think Enid Blyton might have written this poem?

Firework Night By Enid Blyton **Answers**

1. Which animal is scared of the fireworks in the poem? Give evidence for your answer.

The animal which is scared of the fireworks is a dog.

Evidence may include some or all of the following ideas: I know this because dogs yelp when they are frightened and line 8 says, 'Mistress, Master hear me yelp.' On line 13, the animal is described as having flat ears with its tail down, also suggesting that the pet could be a dog. Finally, dogs live in kennels and line 27 says, 'then to my kennel I will run.'

2. What are the fireworks compared to? Give evidence for your answer.

The fireworks are compared to guns shooting in the dark (line 4). On line 5, the loud fireworks are compared to big gun shots and the quieter fireworks to little gun shots.

3. What does this line suggest about the way the animal is feeling?

'Let me in-oh, LET ME IN'

This line suggests that the animal is very unhappy and scared due to the noise of the fireworks. The pet is repeating the request to emphasise how much he wants to get inside the house, away from the loud bangs. The capital letters suggest that the animal is 'shouting' the request in desperation.

4. Why does the animal think it's been left outside?

The animal thinks it's been left outside because its owners don't love it anymore.

5. Who do you think is saying this line?

'(Shall we let him in, children?)'

I think that the owner of the animal, who is inside the house, is saying this to the children whilst looking outside at their pet.

6. What does the animal say he will do as a way of thanking his owner?

At the end of the poem, the dog says that he will guard his owner all night.

7. Why do you think Enid Blyton might have written this poem?

Own answers which may include the following ideas:

I think that Blyton might have written this poem to inform pet owners about how their animals may be feeling on Bonfire Night, if they are left outside. Blyton may have wanted to make pet owners think more carefully about where to keep their pets on this night, in order to keep them safe.