

A HYPOTHETICAL ANALYSIS OF  
THE TWINKLE IN STARS  
(as told by a child to a teacher)

TEACHER: What makes  
the stars twinkle?



CHILD: Stars twinkle because  
of their tears. Their tears  
reflect the light from the moon  
and it makes them twinkle.

TEACHER: Stars have tears?



CHILD: Yes, of course.

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CHILD: Yes. But that doesn't  
happen a lot because most  
of the stars are crying.

TEACHER: But what  
makes the stars cry?

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CHILD: The people on earth.  
They hurt each other and  
what's around them.  
If I fold wishing stars, can  
I make the hurt go away?



TEACHER: Why do  
stars have tears?

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CHILD: For different reasons.  
Sometimes stars have tears  
because they're tired,  
so they yawn.

TEACHER: What about the  
**very** bright shining stars?

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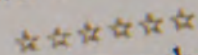
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