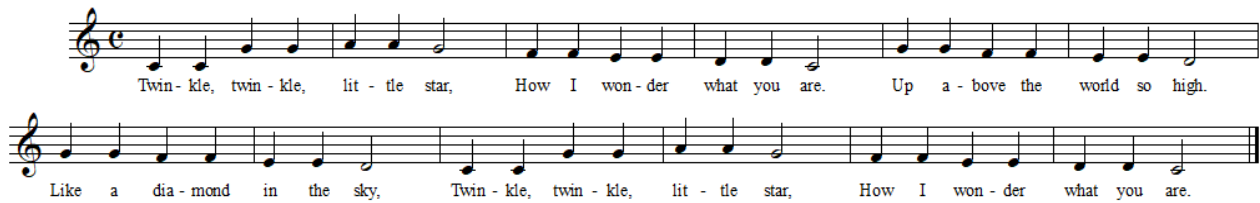


Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Do you know this song?



Twin - kle, twin - kle, lit - tle star, How I won - der what you are. Up a - bove the world so high.
Like a dia - mond in the sky, Twin - kle, twin - kle, lit - tle star, How I won - der what you are.

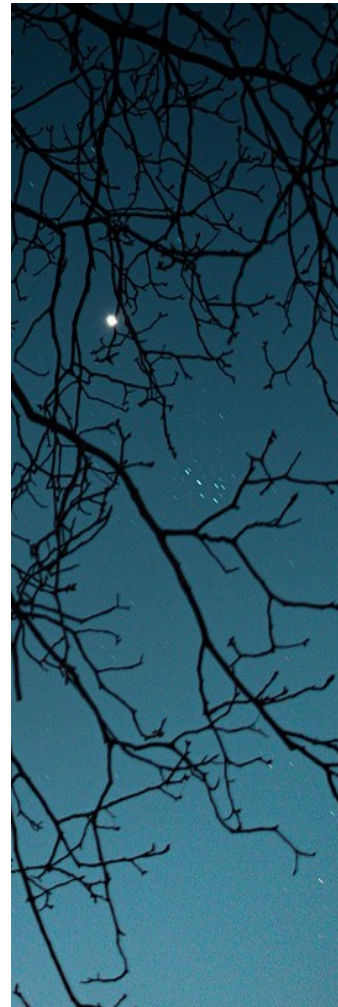
It is by Jane Taylor (1783-1824). It carries on:

*When the blazing sun is gone,
When he nothing shines upon,
Then you show your little light,
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!*

*Then the trav'ler in the dark,
Thanks you for your tiny spark,
He could not see which way to go,
If you did not twinkle so.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!*

*In the dark blue sky you keep,
And often thro' my curtains peep,
For you never shut your eye,
Till the sun is in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!*

*'Tis your bright and tiny spark,
Lights the trav'ler in the dark,
Tho' I know not what you are,
Twinkle, twinkle, little star.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!*



Jane Taylor was a clever writer. She was good at writing about the things we think about. “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” is just a nursery rhyme. But it is about something so big that everyone wonders about it. What do we know about the stars? They are so far away! They look so small but are they small? No, as far as we know they are very, very big! How can we know about something so far away?



Jane Taylor came from a family of writers. Her father was a minister and also an engraver who made pictures. The house where she lived as a child was called Shilling Grange. You can see it in the picture. Can you see the tiny window right at the top of the house? That was Jane's bedroom window. Did she look at the stars through this window when she wrote the poem?

Jane Taylor and her sister Ann, wrote many verses for children. Her mother wrote stories too. The work of the Taylor family always

includes good advice for young people and children enjoyed their books very much.