



Night Clouds



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The white mares of the moon rush along the sky
Beating their golden hoofs upon the glass Heavens;
The white mares of the moon are all standing on their hind legs
Pawing at the green porcelain doors of the remote Heavens
Fly, mares!
Strain your utmost
Scatter the milky dust of stars,
Or the tiger sun will leap upon you and destroy you
With one lick of his vermillion tongue



1. **Find** and **copy one word** that is closest in meaning to pottery.

2. *"The white mares of the moon rush along the sky"*

Which word is closest in meaning to mares?

	Tick one
clouds	
lights	
horses	
stars	

3. *"Beating their golden hoofs upon the glass Heavens"*

What does Beating their golden hoofs mean in this line?

4. **Find** and **copy one word** that tell you the Heavens are far away.

5. What is the poet telling the horses when she says, *"Strain your utmost"*?

	Tick one
Go higher!	
Run faster!	
Don't give up!	
Try your hardest!	

6. **Find** and **copy one word** that tells you the colour of the tiger's tongue.

1. **Find** and **copy the four** actions of the white mares.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

2. What time of day is it in the first half of the poem?

	Tick one
dawn	
night	
sunset	
morning	

3. What does the poet think will happen as the mares fly away?

4. How will the tiger destroy the mares?

5. Using information from the text, put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
The sky is filled with stars.		
The door to the Heavens is open.		
The poet thinks it will be easy for the mares to escape.		
The tiger will destroy them with his paw.		

1. Why is the title so important in this poem?

	Tick one
It tells the reader it is at night.	
It is the only mention of clouds.	
It tells the reader there are animals in the poem.	

2. One of the big ideas in this poem is the sky as a living, breathing animal that is always changing. Do you agree with this? Explain with reference to the poem.

