

That Stormy Night



That stormy night
when the wind moaned like a wolf
and bent the trees, and shook the house
I wondered if it could blow the stars away.

What then – if their glittering dust
lay among the fallen leaves the next day
crystals and splinters in the morning light?
I'd sweep them up and put them in a box

and bring them home to you. You'd say
Nonsense. What you see up there
is light that's millions of years away
you know that, don't you?

Yes. I know. But still
I'd shake my box of stardust
hold it tight
knowing the wind had blown the stars away

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Stormy Night - Questions

1. What simile does the poet use for the wind's sound?
2. What two effects does the wind have?
3. What does the narrator wonder?
4. What adjective is used to describe star dust?
5. Who do you think the narrator takes the box to?
6. Why don't you think that they believe there is stardust in the box?
7. What is your favourite phrase in this poem? Why?
8. What is your opinion of this poem?