

# Terrible Path Quiz

Practice question:

What do you think the author meant by the line, “The years passed like shooting stars they melted and were gone.”

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# 1 = Not meeting

I think this means that lots of time had passed. The girl has been on the path for a long time and that's what I think this means.

## 2= Basic

The line said that years passed like shooting stars so I think this means that lots of time has passed since this girl first got stuck on the path. She has probably seen lots of nights come and go and that's why it talks about shooting stars. Maybe she has seen lots of shooting stars. She probably won't get off the path because she has been on the path for so many nights already.

## 3= Good

This line is used to show that the girl has been trapped on this path for a many years. She has probably looked up and saw many shooting stars over the years. These stars could be the girls only friends and the author wanted to help the reader understand how lonely she is. Maybe the loneliness is the worst part of the “terrible path”. In the next stanza it also says, “The world had forgotten me” so these lines kind of go together and show loneliness.

## 4 = Excellent

I think the author choose to describe the years passing like shooting stars, because shooting stars are often associated with making a wish. Every year this girl probably wished to leave this path and every year she remains trapped by it. Each shooting star is a reminder of another failed wish. The author probably wants the reader to feel like once you start down the Terrible Path that all hope is lost and it doesn't matter how many shooting stars you wish upon. The idea of hopelessness comes up throughout the poem with lines like "... I knew the world had forgotten me," and "something had gone wrong."

