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CREATIVE WRITING

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The Unending Sky

I could not sleep for thinking of the sky,
The unending sky, with all its million suns
Which turn their planets everlastingly
In nothing, where the fire-haired comet runs.

If I could sail that nothing, I should cross
Silence and emptiness with dark stars passing,
Then, in the darkness, see a point of gloss
Burn to a glow, and glare, and keep amassing,

And rage into a sun with wandering planets
And drop behind, and then, as I proceed,
See his last light upon his last moon's granites
Die to dark that would be night indeed.

Night where my soul might sail a million years,
In nothing, not even death, not even tears.

John Masefield

The poem is from 'Lollington Downs'
by John Masefield, 1917

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YOUR CHALLENGE:

Tell the story, in poetry or prose, of your sleepless night roaming the universe in your imagination.

- **What did you 'see' which was 'unending'?**
- **What was your 'point of gloss'?**
- **How could you experience a 'million years in nothing'?**
- **Did imagination and reality start to merge?**
- **How did your sleepless night end?**

How can you rise to the challenge?

Make your narrative epic, imaginative, brave and unusual!

Make the reader full of wonder at your vision of the 'unending sky'