

1. When Eanrin first sees the Lumil Eliasul, he is terrified and runs away. Why do you think he did this? Was he right or wrong?
2. When Starflower first meets one of the two Black Dogs, her initial reaction is pity. How does this compare to Eanrin's initial reaction when he meets the other Black Dog? Why is there such a difference between their two reactions?
3. "Love is the most dreadful end," Eanrin says at one point in the story. Why would he say this? Is it true? Why or why not?
4. The Lumil Eliasul tells Starflower that her love for her sister was not enough for her to conquer the Beast. What do you think he means by this?
5. There are many different types of love portrayed in this story. Romantic love, mother love, sibling love, love for a master, self-love, love for an enemy. What kind of love does Starflower need to learn? What kind does Eanrin need to learn?
6. Starflower has the ability to look at people and see their "true name." What do you think this means? What do you think your "true name" might be?
7. Hri Sora believes that loving Wolf Tongue made her weak. Is this true? If so, explain. If not, what is her true weakness?
8. How are Eanrin and Wolf Tongue alike? How are they different? What makes the difference in their lives?
9. Francis Thompson's famous poem, *The Hound of Heaven*, begins with this stanza:

*I FLED Him, down the nights and down the days;
 I fled Him, down the arches of the years;
 I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways
 Of my own mind; and in the mist of tears
 I hid from Him, and under running laughter.
 Up vistaed hopes I sped;
 And shot, precipitated,
 Adown Titanic glooms of chasmèd fears,
 From those strong Feet that followed, followed after.
 But with unhurrying chase,
 And unperturbèd pace,
 Deliberate speed, majestic instancy,
 They beat—and a Voice beat
 More instant than the Feet—
 'All things betray thee, who betrayest Me.'*

Which character (or characters) in the story of *Starflower* does this poem reflect? Who is it that pursues the narrator? And what does the Voice mean when it says, "*All things betray thee, who betrayest me*"?