

Strange words

▀ The somewhat unusual word "*ken*" is best remembered by a variant of a famous English poem:

The Star or **Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**
by *Jane Taylor*, 1806

Advanced

Original:

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder
what you are.
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.

Physicists Version:

Twinkle, twinkle little star.
I don't wonder
what you are,
'cause by spectroscopic *ken*
I know you are hydrogen.

▀ *Ken* (Scottish) To know, to recognize (German "Kennen"); To have an understanding of something.