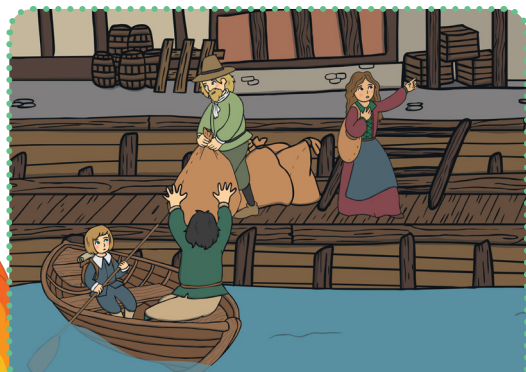


# In The Still of Night

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9 flicker, pop, twist and turn.  
15 A thick stench fills the night  
21 from the burn of embers' light.  
26 Timber towers rock and crack.  
31 Scorch marks, deep and black.  
37 Dark, thin streets full of soot.  
42 The crunch of grit underfoot.  
47 Hot coals litter the street.  
53 Shock and terror at my feet.  
57 Boats fill the river.  
62 We all look and quiver  
69 at the town that turns to ash,  
74 in the still of night,  
77 hear it crash.



## Read Together Quick Question



1. What do the timber towers do?

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2. Find and copy **two** verbs that describe what the bright sparks are doing.

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3. Number the lines from the poem from 1-3 to show the order that they appear in the text.

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4. What do you think the 'thick stench that fills the night' is? Explain your answer.

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## Answers



1. What do the timber towers do?

**The timber towers rock and crack.**



2. Find and copy **two** verbs that describe what the bright sparks are doing.

**Accept any two of the following answers:  
burn, flicker, pop, twist, turn.**



3. Number the lines from the poem from 1-3 to show the order that they appear in the text.

**3** Boats fill the river.

**1** Scorch marks, deep and black.

**2** Hot coals litter the street.



4. What do you think the 'thick stench that fills the night' is? Explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the thick stench that fills the night is the smell of the burning buildings in the air.**