

DIRECTIONS: The poem below is from *The Rivet in Grandfather's Neck, A Comedy of Limitations* by James Branch Cabell. Use context clues to determine the meaning of each word below. Verify your answer by looking up each word in the dictionary.

Nightly I mark and praise, or great or small,
Such stars as proudly struggle one by one
To heaven's highest place, as Procyon,
Antarês, Naös, Tejat and Nibal
Attain supremacy, and proudly fall,
Still glorious, and glitter, and are gone
So very soon; whilst steadfast and alone
Polaris gleams, and is not changed at all.

"Daily I find some gallant dream that ranges
The heights of heaven; and as others do,
I serve my dream until my dream estranges
Its errant bondage, and I note anew
That nothing dims, nor shakes, nor mars, nor changes,
Fond faith in you and in my love of you.

1. mark _____
2. attain _____
3. supremacy _____
4. steadfast _____
5. gallant _____
6. estranges _____
7. errant _____
8. mars _____

ANSWERS

1.	mark	<u>notice</u>
2.	attain	<u>to succeed in achieving something</u>
3.	supremacy	<u>condition of being superior to all the others</u>
4.	steadfast	<u>firm and unwavering</u>
5.	gallant	<u>brave, heroic</u>
6.	estranges	<u>alienates</u>
7.	errant	<u>straying from a proper course or standards</u>
8.	mar	<u>disfigure</u>