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LESSON 81 • "HARK! HARK!" & ITALIAN Ä **EMILY H. MILLER**

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“Copy the following lines carefully, and mark properly with two dots (ä) each letter *a* that has the sound of *a* as in *far*.”

CONCEPT

1 Poetic Copywork & Italian Ä Hunt — Transcribe the stanza and place two dots over each Italian ä:

*“Hark! hark! my children, hark!
When the sky has lost its blue,
What do the stars say in the dark?
‘We must sparkle, sparkle through.’”*

— EMILY HUNTINGTON MILLER (1833–1913)

RECITE VERSE

2 Diacritic Discovery List — Write the 4 target words from the poem containing Italian ä:

Word 1

Word 2

Word 3

Word 4

3 Sentence Composition — Write what you imagine the bright stars whispering in the night:

POETIC ORTHOGRAPHY & PUNCTUATION RULES:

1. **Exclamation Mark in "Hark!":** The word *Hark!* is an archaic command meaning “listen carefully!”. It is followed by an exclamation point for emphasis.

2. **Quotation Marks in Poetry:** When the stars speak in the poem, their exact words are enclosed within quotation marks: *‘We must sparkle, sparkle through.’*

3. **Consonant Blend SP- in Sparkle:** The initial blend combines with Italian <är> in *sparkle*, featuring frequent diminutive suffix *-le*.

LESSON 81 TEACHER GUIDE & ANSWER KEY

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TARGET WORD	IPA PHONETICS	POETIC ROLE	ORTHOGRAPHIC & PEDAGOGICAL KEY
Hark	/hɑːrk/	Imperative interjection	Italian ä — OE <i>heorcian</i> ; archaic command to listen attentively.
stars	/stɑːrz/	Noun subject + plural -s	Italian ä — initial blend with r-controlled ä (/ɑːr/).
dark	/dɑːrk/	Noun / Adjective	Rhyme with Hark — perfect end rhyme with line 1.
sparkle	/ˈspɑːr.kəl/	Verb (spark + -le)	Frequentative suffix — syllabic -le /əl/; means repeated twinkling.

COMPLETE ANSWER KEY & SOLUTIONS

WHEELER'S EXERCISES

EX. 1 & 2 SOLUTIONS

- Diacritic Placement:** Mark ä in: **Hä**rk, stärs, därk, spärkle.
- All 4 words** contain the phonetic element /-ɑːrk-/.

EX. 3 SAMPLE RESPONSE

"The stars say: 'Do not fear the dark night, little children, for our gentle light will guide your footsteps safely home.'"

SOCRATIC GUIDING PROMPTS & PEDAGOGICAL INSIGHTS

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- Meaning of 'Hark':** Guide: 'When your grandmother says Hark! what does she want you to do?' (Hark means listen!).
- Personification:** Ask: 'Can real stars talk? Why does the poet say the stars speak?' (It gives nature a voice of comfort).
- Diminutive Suffix -le:** Show how spark becomes sparkle (many little sparks flashing continuously).

DICTATION & ORAL APPLICATION SENTENCES (READ SLOWLY AT NORMAL SPEAKING PACE):

- "**Hark!** do you hear the gentle song of the evening thrush?"
- "Millions of golden **stars** shine bright in the **dark** sky."
- "The dewdrops upon the grass **sparkle** like diamonds in the sun."
- "The little children listened when they heard their mother call."