The Last Night of Summer

by Noah Falck

On the last night of summer
we chased fireflies across the fields

until it became dark.
Until the moon rose over us

like a shiny hole
in the sky.

And all the little stars spread out
like push pins holding

up the darkness,
as we raced side by

side cupping and releasing
the last dancing lights of summer.
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   a. the stars  
   b. the moon  
   c. fireflies  
   d. porch lights

2. List one simile from this poem.

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   b. around dusk  
   c. around midnight  
   d. around noon

4. When is the last night of summer?
   a. late September  
   b. late June  
   c. late July  
   d. late November

How do you know?
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How do you know?  
I know this because in late September the Autumn Equinox occurs and that is when summer is officially over.

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