

Q2.5 Firmament

Firmament refers to the heavens or the sky. It comes from a Hebrew word that means “expanse” and a Latin word that means “to support or make firm.” You can think of the *firmament* as an expanse that holds the stars and planets firmly in space.

Large, heavy, ragged black clouds hung like crape hammocks beneath the starry cope of the night. You would have said that they were the cobwebs of the firmament.

—*The Hunchback of Notre Dame* by Victor Hugo

