

In order to memorize something well, it helps to know what it means. The poem below is a good one to try. Let's begin by learning what it is about.

## Canis Major by Robert Frost

The great Overdog
That heavenly beast
With a star in one eye
Gives a leap in the east.
He dances upright
All the way to the west
And never once drops
On his forefeet to rest.
I'm a poor underdog,
But to-night I will bark
With the great Overdog
That romps through the dark.

Sketch your first impressions of the Overdog.

Canis Major is a constellation in the sky. It means "greater dog" in Latin. Do you know the constellation Orion the hunter? Canis Major is one of the dogs that follows Orion. Sirius is the brightest star in the night sky, known as the "dog star." Sirius can be found in the constellation Canis Major.