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The Vanishing Melodies of Midnight

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Discuss the theme of desire and nostalgia in the story and how the jazz bar serves as a symbol of the power of music to transport people into their deepest desires and memories, allowing them to reconnect with their pasts.
2. If you had access to a jazz bar of vanishing melodies like Hiroshi, what melody would you want to hear, and how would it influence your understanding of your own desires and memories?
3. Explain the significance of the suburbs of Tokyo in the story and how they represent a place where desires, connections, and history converge.
4. How did Hiroshi's use of the jazz bar ultimately benefit the suburbs and its residents, and what positive changes did he bring about?

