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Whispers of Regret

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The attic serves as a metaphor for the speaker's mind, representing a hidden and tucked-away place where memories and secrets are stored, just like the hidden burden of guilt and remorse.
2. Whispering apologies to the night may help the speaker deal with their guilt and remorse by providing a cathartic release, a way to express their regret, and perhaps a feeling of closure.
3. "A past mistake, a choice I'll always feel" suggests that the speaker will always carry the emotional weight and memory of their wrongdoing, even if they seek forgiveness or redemption.
4. Answers may vary. Students may relate to the feelings of guilt and remorse if they have experienced a situation where they made a mistake or hurt someone and had to grapple with the consequences and emotions associated with it.

