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## Breaking Free

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. In your own words, explain how the poem portrays the conflict between family expectations and the desire for independence.
2. What do you think the speaker means by "I'd make my own path, at my own pace"?
3. How might the speaker's journey of breaking free from family expectations relate to the experiences of young people striving for independence in real life?
4. Can you think of a time when you or someone you know had to balance family expectations with their own desires for independence? How did they handle it?

