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## Farewell to Childhood: A Sonnet on Growing Up

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary, but students may share personal experiences or feelings related to growing up, such as starting a new school, taking on more responsibilities, or realizing they are no longer a child.
2. "A world of choices, yet I feel alone" suggests that even though there are many choices and possibilities in adulthood, the speaker feels a sense of isolation and uncertainty in navigating these choices.
3. The poem characterizes the transition from childhood to adulthood as bittersweet to emphasize the mixed emotions and challenges that come with growing up. It acknowledges the beauty of childhood while recognizing the complexities of adulthood.
4. In your own words, explain the message the poem conveys about the challenges and emotions of growing up. The poem conveys that growing up is a complex and bittersweet journey that involves leaving behind the simplicity of childhood and facing the uncertainty of adulthood. It acknowledges the mixed emotions and feelings of loneliness that can accompany this transition. However, it also suggests that growing up offers the opportunity to find one's place in the world and embrace the future with hope.

