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## Growing Pains

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. In your own words, explain how the poem portrays the transition from childhood innocence to adulthood.
2. How might the speaker's perspective on growing up and retaining the heart of a child be valuable for people of all ages?
3. What do you think the poem teaches us about the importance of embracing change and growing up while still valuing the lessons of childhood?
4. Can you share a personal experience or example of a time when you or someone you know faced the challenges of growing up and leaving behind childhood innocence?

