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## Steps to the Future

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Why is graduation day significant in the lives of the graduates, as portrayed in the poem?
2. How might the feeling of excitement about stepping into the unknown be different from feeling anxious or indifferent?
3. What do you think the poem means by "dreams held close"?
4. Why do you think the poem emphasizes the idea of conquering the world ahead?

