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Ode to Teenage Freedom

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The speaker of the poem appears to feel positively about the teenage years, as they describe it as a time of newfound freedom and brightness. The speaker likely values the adventures and experiences that come with being a teenager.
2. (Possible answer) Yes, I can relate to the part about late nights with friends and having adventures because it's fun to spend time with friends and have exciting experiences during the teenage years.
3. (Possible answer) The poem mentions that teenagers are not quite grown to emphasize that they are in a transitional phase between childhood and adulthood, where they are still learning and growing.
4. (Possible answer) The poem makes me feel excited about being a teenager because it highlights the sense of freedom and adventure that comes with it.

