

## New School

1. What is the meaning of the underlined word in the below line from the 1<sup>st</sup> stanza?  
I walk in solitude to each new class.
2. How and why did the character feelings change throughout the poem? Provide specific evidence from the poem to support your answer.
3. Write a 2-3 sentence summary of the poem.
4. What is at least one possible theme of this poem? Provide evidence from the text to support the theme you chose.

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I started at a new school today  
It was quite a change.  
I don't know anyone at all  
And ponder if I'll fit in.  
I left all of my good friends behind,  
I walk in solitude to each new class.  
I wonder how long this loneliness I feel will last.

My old friends and I,  
We still keep in touch  
Online and on the phone.  
But we just don't talk as much.  
And my parents are who I blame  
For moving us away.  
So far, far away.

At school we had to partner up  
And I acquired a brand new friend.  
I enjoy my school tremendously now,  
And I am meeting lots of kids.  
Our group all eats lunch together,  
And play the same frivolous games.  
What fun we have each day.

My teachers, they all adore me  
Now that I speak up in class.  
I don't really miss my former school as much  
Now that I've learned to relax.  
It's a relief to have new friends around,  
And even keep the old.  
Extra friends, means additional fun you know.

To my surprise I found, it's amusing to be the new kid.  
I invented a whole new me.  
I am now content that my parents moved us,  
And I recognize that it had to be.  
Sometimes changes are necessary,  
And there is nothing you can do  
But accept it and just be you.