

Saying Goodbye

1. What is the meaning of the phrase, “when one door opens, another closes” as used in the 2nd stanza?
2. What is the idiom used in the 4th stanza? What is the meaning of the idiom?
3. How does the speaker feel about the event being described? How does this affect how the poem is written?
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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Her grandma died that day.
She remembered it all too well.
It was a day of many memories.
Some good, some bad.
Reflecting on what was,
And what could have been.
Hugs from family and friends.

When one life ends,
Another begins.
When one door closes,
Another opens.

Her grandma died,
But life would go on.
She knew that for certain.
We keep going,
Even after loss.
We keep striving,
Even when we're lost.

Despite what they say, the grass
may be greener
On the other side.
Oh, yes
We will survive.

Sadness and happiness,
They both filled her heart.
She cried tears of pain,
While tears of joy slid out.
She was happy to see family,
But sad of the circumstance.
Joy and pain mingled in her brain.

Sometimes the end
is a beginning.
Our hearts will go on.
Life will go on.

She said goodbye,
Her grandma laid in the ground.
Her memory never forgotten.
But time would help,
And erase away the sorrows,
Of a loved one lost.
They would meet again.