

## English 12 Poetry

**Scale Point: 3**

**Comment**

The paper was awarded a 3 because the student shows only a basic understanding of this poem. There is limited support and no analysis.

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In the poem High School Senior by Sharon Olds, the speaker seems to be depressed and very reflective. The speaker from the start of the poem talks about her seventeen year old daughter "for seventeen years her breath in the house at night, puff, puff like summer cumulus above her bed" what the speaker is saying is that she realizes that her daughter is all grown up and that she will be leaving home soon. The speaker also talks about her emotional experiences, about how kids grow up so fast. ex "There are creatures whose children float away at birth and those who throat feed their young for weeks and never see them again My daughter is free and she is in me" The speaker at this point is very emotional and realizes that she cant spoon feed her daughter anymore as she is all grown up.