

## English 12 Poetry

**Scale Point: 4**

**Comment**

This paper was awarded a 4 because of the use of colloquial language. The student answers the question correctly, but in a rather superficial manner. Sentence structure and vocabulary are adequate.

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In Olds "High School Senior", we are taken on an emotional ride. This ride consists on the many ups and downs which a mother goes through as her child goes off to college. In a way, this poem gives reference to a bitter sweet feeling. The mother is happy for her daughter but can't manage to get past the fact that she is leaving. "This being who had formed within [her]", was now being taken from her. With such strong love for her child, the mother almost shows signs of jealousy towards the college and experience which her daughter will have. She finds it hard to see "the difference between her leaving for college/and [their] parting forever". Although the mother is sad, she does realise the many good years which they have shared together. She feels lucky compared to others "whose children float away after birth", and realises that she has not lost her daughter. For her, "love/of her is in [her], moving in [her] heart" forever.