

New School

Kevin McCann

- 1 In the playground corner
I stand and see:
Girls with skipping ropes,
Boys with footballs
And everyone shouts at once.

- 6 In the playground corner
I stand and see:
A teacher looking at his watch,
Cup of coffee in one hand
And a whistle in the other.

- 11 In the playground corner
I stand and see:
Big kids sharing jokes and sweets,
One skits our headmaster
And everyone knows everyone else.

- 16 In the playground corner
I stand on my own
And wish and wish
I could just go home.



Name:	Class:	Date:
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1 Who is "I" in this poem?

2d

1 mark

2 List **three** things you know are in the playground in the poem (apart from the children and the teacher).

2b

3 marks

3 How do you know what time of day it is?

2d

1 mark

4 "One *skits* our headmaster."

Suggest another way the poet could have said the same thing.

2a

1 mark

5 "And everyone knows everyone else."

Why do you think the narrator included this information?

2d

1 mark

6 Read the title of the poem. Is this a good title for the poem?

Yes No

Give **one** reason from the poem to help explain your answer.

2f

1 mark

7 What is the effect of starting most of the verses with the same two lines?

2f

1 mark

8 Do you think the playground seems like a happy place for most of the children?

Yes No

Explain your answer.

2d

1 mark

9 How does the poet want you to feel about the narrator? Explain your answer.

2d

2 marks