

Among the School Children Key Facts

Writer: William Butler Yeats | Generated: Jan 26, 2026

Key Facts

- **Poet:** William Butler Yeats (1865–1939)
- **Original Title:** Among School Children
- **Written Time:** 1926 (late period of Yeats's life)
- **First Published:** In literary journals in 1927, and was later collected in his 1928 book of poems, *The Tower*.
- **Form:** Meditative Lyric Poem
- **Genre:** Philosophical, Symbolic, and Reflective Poetry
- **Tone:** Thoughtful, Melancholic, Reflective, and Spiritual
- **Meter:** Iambic Pentameter
- **Rhyme Scheme:** Ottava Rima
- **Point of View:** First Person (Yeats himself as the speaker)
- **Summary in a Line:** Yeats reflects on the connection between youth and age, body and soul, reality and ideal beauty, while realizing that all divisions merge into one eternal unity, the dancer and the dance.
- **Total Lines:** 64
- **Total Stanzas:** 8
- **Setting:**
- **Time Setting:** Early 20th-century Ireland (Yeats as an aging senator visiting a convent school)
- **Place Setting:** A Catholic convent school in Ireland. It blends the physical setting of the classroom with Yeats's inner world of memory, philosophy, and imagination.