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**Example Sonnet**

The theatre kid emerged and wanted to meet

The jock ran by and wanted in too

The chess President stood outside and would greet

All the kids on campus that were fairly new.

The jock said to the chess boy, “hi there friend.”

The chess boy looked at him with a grin.

The jock made a joke and wanted to mend,

His relationship with the chess boy this very min.

The theatre girl just laughed in the jock’s face,

The chess boy actually felt bad for the jock

The jock told the theatre girl to give him his space,

And the chess boy let him come into the flock.

In the end, all parties started getting along,

They sat in a circle, held hands, and sang a song!