

This poem is in no small way an echo of the two poems below, but it provides the teacher's point of view. Note, we are all teachers, to varying degrees, aren't we?

Grampa Schuler
By Ruth Suckow

From "By Hill and Dale"

GRAMPA SCHULER, when he was young,
Had a crest of hair, and shining eyes.
He wore red-flowered waistcoats,
Wild Byronic ties. 5
The whole land of Germany
Wasn't wide enough!—
He ran away one night, when winter
Seas were fierce and rough.

He has a sleek farm here 10
With already a settled air.
He's patriarchal, with his sons
And daughters round him everywhere,
His son's son Jim has fiery eyes—
He wants to go where the land is new!
Grampa bitterly wonders: "What are 15
Young fools coming to!"

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