

Remember me?

Remember me?
I am the boy who sought friendship;
The boy you turned away.
I the boy who asked you
If I too might play.

I the face at the window
When your party was inside,
I the lonely figure
That walked away and cried.

I the one who hung around,
A punchbag for your games.
Someone you could kick and beat,
Someone to call names.

But how strange is the change
After time has hurried by.
Four years have passed since then
Now I'm not so quick to cry.

I'm bigger and I'm stronger,
I've grown a foot in height,
Suddenly I'm popular
And YOU'RE left out the light.

I could, if I wanted,
Be so unkind to you.
I would only have to say
And the other boys would do.

But the memory of my pain
Holds back the revenge I'd planned
And instead, I feel much stronger
By offering you my hand.

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Answer in sentences.

- 1 To whom was the boy speaking when he said, "Remember me"?
- 2 List all the ways in which the boy had been made to feel hurt and rejected four years before.
- 3 In what ways is he different now?
- 4 Why did the boy not take his revenge when he had the chance?
- 5 What did he do instead of taking revenge?
- 6 Why did he "feel much stronger" when he decided not to take revenge?
- 7 What does "sought" (line 2) mean?
- 8 What does "too" (line 5) mean?
- 9 What does "punchbag" (line 11) mean?
- 10 What does "popular" (line 20) mean?