

Theme Statement: Sometimes you have to know suffering in order to grow as a person.

Quotation: “That was that; my child’s play was done.”

Explanation: The speaker of the poem knows that he must grow up now.

Quotation: “I had finally heard the bell toll.”

Explanation: He had seen someone die and he finally understood that death was real.

Quotation: “That last moment with Bobbie was my forever.”

Explanation: He will never forget the way Bobbie looked in his last moments—it has changed his life.