

Candidate 1 evidence

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40	Communalilty	
	In 'The way my mother speaks'	
	Duffy deals with the idea of loss	
	when moving away from her	
	mother and becoming an	
	adult with responsibilities.	
	In 'In Mrs Tischer Class' there	
	is also a sense of loss as she	
	loses her comfort, safe space	
	when leaving primary school	
	and also her innocence.	
	Both deal with loss and	
	demonstrate how that can	
	impact someone.	

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Primary Text

The impact of loss is clearly shown in "The way my mother speaks". An example of this is "too blue swapped for a cool grey" as blue is clear and happy but is swapped for a cool/grey meaning confusion and being uncertain of what's to come. This emphasises that loss can make you question yourself and be anxious of the future.

"I am happy and sad like a child" also shows the impact of loss as it emphasises the contrast in emotions you deal with. You can confuse yourself over the amount of emotions spiralling in your head just like happy and sad - being opposites.

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Secondary Text

"as the sky spilt open into a thunderstorm" The word choice of 'thunderstorm' has connotations of scary, unpredictable dangerous. This highlights the worries of what leaving primary school brings. It symbolised the future and how the children gained anxiety after leaving primary school and losing their safe space, escape from home etc.

"Lately I feel like you know babies are
"looked at my parents appalled"
after being told how babies are made off of one of her peers.

she was 'appalled' which suggests her utter shock and disbelief. It demonstrates the loss of innocence in the poem as growth is happening making them more and more aware.

