

The Lonely Swimming Pool

Poem By: Judie Eberhardt

My water is warm and full of waves
I fill up everyone's summer days
I sparkle and shine and look so clear
But I feel the end of summer is near.

June and July were so crowded you see
And now that school started, I count just three
Three kids and mom that's all that's here
Oh, it's the end of summer I fear.

No more shouting and yelling with joy
No more diving for a floating toy
The girls are sad as they gather their gear
It's the end of summer they say with a tear.

The days will be lonely and the weather cool
The men will come clean me and bring their tool
It will be quiet and a long rest I'll get
But summer is the best time yet!



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 - C. June and July
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3. How many kids were at the pool near the end of summer?
 - A. Six
 - B. Eight
 - C. Five
 - D. Three
4. What word describes the weather at the end of summer?
 - A. Cool
 - B. Warm
 - C. Hot
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