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“A boy’s will is the wind’s will and the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts” - Longfellow

Former Yarmouth High School Principal, the late Ken Nye, wrote in his poem, When the Children Leave, these closing words: ***“So we carve hollow hideaways in our hearts where we keep forever our little boys and our little girls and do not share them with the world anymore when the children leave.”*** Of course, our children now also live adult lives both in our hearts and in their own world of struggles

and successes, heartaches and hopes, dreams dared and dreams dashed. And, they do the bittersweet work of carving hollow hideaways in their own hearts. No matter how much they grow and run with the winds of their will, they shall always shelter snugly and lovingly in our hearts. The *“thoughts of youth are long long thoughts”* indeed. But, so too, the parents’ dreams. And, to no one’s surprise, our hearts expand joyfully to also hold our sons’ own loves and their little boys and girls as well. More- we have secured places in our hearts for many more: our siblings and their spouses and children, our friends, memories of our parents and grandparents, and in great gratitude - one another. It’s a party in there and no one ever really moves out. BYOB

Happy Thinksday!