

## **“Our Town” Response: Good-bye to the World**

Before returning to her grave on the hill, Emily emotes, "Good-bye Grover's Corners.... Good-bye to clocks ticking... and Mama's sunflower. And food and coffee. And new ironed dresses and hot baths... and sleeping and waking up. Oh, earth, you're too wonderful for anybody to realize you!"

Emily's impassioned speech is a response to her realization that she had not been aware of the wonder of life as she lived it. "I didn't realize...all that was going on and we never noticed?"

Now it is your turn to write a monologue reacting to Emily's "Take me back to my grave" speech. Imitate Wilder's style and Emily's pattern and list several things that humans would miss about the earth.

This soliloquy should praise what you would miss most about life. For example:

*"Good-bye Chula Vista...Mom and Dad. Good-bye tickling breezes and soft lips. New blue jeans and flickering candles and energy and exhaustion. Good-bye, my car...CD player and CDs. Good-bye bright blue interior and bucket seats. And the turbo engines. And the starting up every morning and the shutting off at night. Oh earth, you're too wonderful for anyone to realize you."*

Try to make your "goodbye" at least half a page.