

Summary Originally

The poem "Originally" was written by Carol Ann Duffy and published in 1990 in "The Other Country" by the Anvil Press Poetry publisher. The three stanzas are about a family which moved.

First the lyrical I and his or her family drives from their home away. His or her brothers are sad and the lyrical I has an old toy.

Then in the second stanza others let the lyrical I behind where no one stays. The environment feels familiar but his/her parents are scared of the unfamiliar habits of the big boys. The lyrical I wants his/her own country.

Finally they adapt the habits like eating slugs and they learn there accent, but when he/she gets asked where he or she comes from the lyrical hesitates.

All things considered, the lyrical I moves to a new country, adapts the accent and habits but misses original home.