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**SCORE/GRADE:**

**READING QUIZ: *The Cricket in Times Square***

Summarize the story's CLIMAX in a single (sentence / paragraph) on the lines below. Be sure to refer to the events of the story and to explain how this climax resolves a major problem in the story.

**Sentence:**

Chester decides to return home after a farewell concert that gains a lasting reputation, and financial success, for the Bellinis.

**Paragraph:**

Although Chester faces the opposition of his love for Mario and his friends who want him to stay and pursue a music career in New York, he still longs for home and ultimately reveals his decision to return to Connecticut. His final farewell concert solidifies his success and reputation and secures the Bellinis' financial situation. He leaves having communicated gratitude and devotion to Mario and his friends. Not only does Chester resolve his personal struggle against his cricket nature, but he also eases tensions between himself and his friends as they all understand his reasons for going and support his decision. Now that he has shown his love for them, it is their turn to love him and let him go.