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SCORE/GRADE:

SPECIFIC THEME: *The Cricket in Times Square*

First, identify the general theme of this story with a single word or phrase on the line below:

Example: Home

Next, write a single sentence describing a *problem* related to this general theme that the story addresses.

Example:

Sometimes we are far from home and obstacles of distance and relationships make it difficult to get back.

Now answer the following question in a single (sentence / paragraph) on the lines below. Be sure to refer to the events of this story to explain your answer.

What answer/solution does this story provide for the question/problem mentioned above?

Example:

Chester's journey home involves some obstacles because the relationships he has developed with his new friends make leaving for Connecticut a difficult choice. His final decision to leave and the way that his friends embrace it suggest that the urge to return home is both strong and good, and that nothing is ultimately lost by the separations involved in following this urge.