

The Lone Armchair

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Background: Armchairs are the norm in high schools and colleges. This poem is about a solo armchair outside a classroom, taken out for unknown reasons.

An armchair is outside the room where it's supposed to serve
Doing nothing or about to do harm to others.

Yet it remains one such useful object
To the success of the student, the classroom and the school.

Even if it's just one solitary object
It serves many students and uses
But its chief purpose is to let the student sit in it
Even taking in the students' feelings and thoughts.

If it has been worn out by students, it should be replaced
Or if it has already been condemned, it should have a final dis-
position
But many armchairs are as old or even older than the students
themselves.

We are sure that we may outlive them.

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