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Weekly Writing Prompt 9

On November 28, 1582, William Shakespeare, 18, and Anne Hathaway, 26, paid a 40-pound bond for their marriage license in Stratford-upon-Avon. Six months later, Anne gave birth to their daughter, Susanna, and two years later, to twins. Sometime after the birth of his own children, Shakespeare set off for London to become an actor, and by 1592 was well established in London's theatrical world as an actor and playwright. His wife and children stayed in Stratford-Upon-Avon. He eventually returned to them after retiring from the theater in 1613.

Have you ever been separated from a parent or guardian for long periods of time? Write about your experience. If you haven't, write about how it might have felt for Shakespeare's children to be raised without really knowing their father.

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