



## March's Key to Character

### Definitions

**Elementary:** Tolerance is getting along with people who are different.

**Secondary:** Tolerance is openness and respect for the differences that exist among people

### Related Words

understanding	conflict	fairness	multicultural
prejudice	ethnic	diversity	acceptance

### Tolerance in Action : What Makes a Person Tolerant?

#### Tolerant people:

- realize there is more than one way to do things.
- are willing to share the pain or joy of others.
- are sensitive and concerned about the feelings of others—they don't make ethnic jokes or criticize cultural issues.
- include those less skillful in group activities.
- keep their values.
- are willing to learn about the culture of others.



### Long-Leg Lou and Short Leg Sue

By Shel Silverstein

Long-Leg Lou and Short-Leg Sue,  
Went for a walk down the avenue,  
Laughin' and jokin' like good friends do,  
Long-Leg Lou and Short-Leg Sue.

Says Long-Leg Lou to Short-Leg Sue,  
"Can't you walk faster than you do?  
It really drives me out of my mind  
That I'm always in front, and you're always behind."

Says Short-Leg Sue to Long-Leg Lou,  
"I walk as fast as I'm meant to do.  
Then I'll go walking with someone new,"  
Says Long-Leg Lou to Short-Leg Sue.

Now Long-Leg Lou, he walks alone,  
Looking for someone with legs like his own.  
And sometimes he thinks of those warm afternoons,  
Back when he went walkin' with Short-Leg Sue.

And Short-Leg Sue strolls down the street,  
Hand in hand with Slow-Foot Pete.  
And they take small steps and they do just fine,  
And no one's in front and no one's behind.

#### Questions

1. Explain your interpretation of this poem.
2. What moral lesson does it teach?
3. How and why is it an important subject?
4. Discuss differences other than physical ones.
5. Why is it important to tolerate differences?



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