

A TEACHER'S POEM

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I WANT TO TEACH MY STUDENTS MORE
THAN LESSONS IN A BOOK;
I WANT TO TEACH THEM DEEPER THINGS
THAT PEOPLE OVERLOOK -
THE VALUE OF A ROSE IN BLOOM,
ITS USE AND BEAUTY, TOO;
A SENSE OF CURIOSITY
TO DISCOVER WHAT IS TRUE;
HOW TO THINK AND HOW TO CHOOSE
THE RIGHT ABOVE THE WRONG,
HOW TO LIVE AND LEARN EACH DAY
AND GROW UP TO BE STRONG;
TO TEACH THEM ALWAYS HOW TO GAIN
IN WISDOM AND IN GRACE,
SO THEY WILL SOMEDAY MAKE THE WORLD
A BRIGHTER, BETTER PLACE.
LORD, LET ME BE A FRIEND AND GUIDE
TO GIVE THESE MINDS A START
UPON THEIR WAY DOWN LIFE'S LONG ROAD,
THEN I'LL HAVE DONE MY PART.