



Successful Teaching

Student Recipe

Secret Note to a Teacher

Teacher, oh, teacher,
get off of the stage!
Can't you see
that I like to play?

Please wake me up
and just set me free.
Allow me to shine . . .
I want YOU to see.

YES! I CAN learn,
I LOVE to explore.
If I DO it myself,
I WILL learn so much more.

Please don't ask me
to sit and be still.
Quietly listening
gives me no thrill.

Why do YOU
get to talk the whole day?
When I too,
have so much to say.

Questions to ask,
ideas to share . . .
Let ME talk
with my friends and compare.

When you simply say it
I try to believe.
But wouldn't it be better
for ME to do and receive?

To make sense for myself
and try things on my own?
I don't quite understand
when I am only shown.

I'm begging you please,
please step aside.
I'm so terribly bored
that I'm screaming inside.

Once, oh please teacher,
won't you just stop?
Maybe, I think,
it's this class I should drop.

Or maybe, I just might
drop right off my chair;
If I go poke a friend,
then will you care?

If I cannot shine,
I'll just fade away . . .
I'll tune you out;
in my mind I will play.

You tell me, "Listen up!"
But please let ME try;
If you'll listen to me,
and do not deny.

I can entertain;
I am really cool.
Just show me how
to do this at school.

Give me the chance;
let me get engaged.
Please, oh please, teacher,
just get off of the stage!

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