



## The Soul of the Teacher

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*"Listen close," the Teacher said.  
"Hear what I said; you know what is meant.  
Pay attention so you will see  
and when you do, then follow me."*

*And so we watched and listened good  
and when the Teacher said we could  
we each took turns and shared a thought  
to show we learned what Teacher taught.*

*As each lesson turned around  
we each discovered we had found  
a different meaning from the rest.  
But which was right? Which was best?*

*So we asked the Teacher, "Please.  
Tell us which is right of these."  
Teacher smiled and looked around  
first at the sky, then at the ground.*

*"You're supposed to listen," Teacher said,  
with open arms and shaking head.  
"Hear these words I give to you  
and know that every word is true."*

*"Open wide your hearts to me  
and never think that I don't see  
how hard you try to understand;  
how far you stretch to touch my hand."*

*As the Teacher smiled again  
we wished the day would never end.  
Yet in our hearts we knew we'd find  
the Teacher's words etched in our minds.*

*Now we do our best to share  
the Teacher's lessons everywhere  
and through this process we are whole  
because we share the Teacher's soul.*