

The HeARTist™

*You, as an artist, mold a bold new way
Using all you do each day*

*As you expose the things that matter -
By your actions - not your chatter.*

*You take small bits of LIVING clay
And help them form THEMSELVES each day.*

*Your talents, experience and skill
Come together with THEIR will,*

*And from this union there is wrought
A person strong - or strong not.*

*The ideas, concepts, skills and dreams
You impart (it surely seems)*

*Will mold those persons in your charge
to think small, or to think large.*

*You never know who's sitting there,
Those young people in your care.*

*But their minds - when by your thoughts expanded
Will produce the FORM demanded,*

*And help them shape what they will be
Forever after, don't you see?*

*When your work exudes enthusiasm,
You can often bridge that chasm*

*Between the generations here found
And provide a place where thoughts abound!*

*It's from your guidance they will see
A better world as it COULD be,*

*And like the potters and the clay,
You will be ONE with them that day:*

*Forever after in their lives
A small piece of YOU survives.*

*Just as your mentor YOUR heart shares,
a piece of you now shines in THEIRS!*

The "Original" Mike Smith

