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Rhymes for my Teacher Friends

"Yes, I'm Proud I Teach!"

To know or do one thing well, you know is really neat,
 But someone has to teach you, if the odds you're going to beat.
 We have heard it since forever and through time it's stood the test -
 When the challenge is to master LEARN only from the best!
 But if the master masters and has not the skills to teach,
 All that they knew is left beyond our human reach.
 The moral of this story, you know my friend is true -
 Those who can must teach while those who "can't" just do.
 And those of us who have those skills to help those young minds reach
 Have got to stand and tell the world - "YES! I'M PROUD I TEACH!"

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Mentor's Wish

Please fill my words
 With very wise stuff
 And stop me when
 I've said enough!

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That Little Spark

What a shame that most, seldom (if ever) get to see
 That "little spark," you know the one, the one YOU shared with me.

When I was just beginning and I knew I knew it all
 You moved the mats and weaved the nets to break my every fall.

Pushing me to learn - in spite of me, the things you knew I'd need.
 So carefully the rows you plowed and planted there the seed -

To grow that kind of person who'll learn and think and see
 the PROMISE IN TOMORROW - to do and strive and be.

Yes, be that special person you knew was locked inside
 and freed by you because you cared and worried, worked and tried.

I know it wasn't easy. Doubts? You must have had a few.
 Thank you for persisting. I owe so much to you.

Because of you I'm striving in all I do and say
 To share that precious "little spark" - the one you gave away.

Spark Sharing - it works! Pass it on!

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Smile



I know it isn't easy when things look bleak and dark
 To curl your lips and tell your eyes it's time for them to SPARK!
 But SMILING on the outside will warm your inside so;
 Your SMILE will make another SMILE and then two smiles will glow!
 So through life's daily ups and downs show forth a smiling face.
 Just SMILE and pass it warmly on, you'll make a better place!

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Fact of Life

Here's a fact of life I know
 And one I gladly share.
 When thoughts are what you need to sow
 My friend, be most aware.
 That no one cares how much you know
 Until they know how much you care!!

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 It keeps the very best in them from rising to the top.

 "Enough" implies just getting by, and "good" falls short of best.
 So "good enough" is average stuff and seldom meets the test.

 But you don't have to settle there. You have what it takes.
 Push yourself to do your best; it's how you get the "breaks."

 Remember that the choice is yours and you alone choose either;
 But those who win are those who know that "good enough" is neither!

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Sometimes I do not get a chance, Or just don't take the time, To thank the ones who change a life The way that you changed mine! You picked me up when I was down. You smiled when all went wrong. You stayed beside me when I failed. You taught me to be strong.	A thousand things you did for me, I'm sure you're unaware. But know, because you showed me, I too now help and care. Thank you for being a giver While I was such a taker. You are a special kind of person; You are a DifferenceMaker!
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Rule #1 for Success

When life seems like a minefield with choices full of "do's" and "don'ts,"
 Punctuated now and then with various "will's" and "won'ts,"
 And you're looking for THE ANSWER 'cause you know it's up to YOU;

 It isn't always easy, it might hurt a time or two,

 But it's really very simple... **Do what you say you'll do!**

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