A Palindrome for

**Real Teachers**

There is no hope

For the education system

We cannot say that

We are doing the right thing.

Inquiry, collaboration, project-based learning

Why?

We ultimately fail.

It cannot be said that

Learning is life-long.

We believe

Memorization and the power of test scores

Let us stay away from

Cross-curricular mash up and play

And embrace

Rote learning and teacher-centered education

Because teachers can change

Nothing.

It is not acceptable to do

New things, change lesson plans and integrate technology.

Let’s just try

Try the same things and expect different results.

It’s deranged to

Not give up now.

To re-examine, to reignite, and to rethink –

To find purpose and passion

I’ll tell you

What’s the point?

It isn’t easy

What we do as teachers –

Keeping the status quo

Works

What

Needs fixing.

Not learning or being engaged

Dismissing creativity, forgetting fun -

In thinking this

I will let my students know that

School is wasted on the young.

Some say

Education is important but

Real teachers see things differently.

**Now read it backwards – line by line ☺**