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“I want to be a high school English teacher.”

The face you just made,

Is why we should

Rethink about

Who shaped us

Like clay, like dough.

You won't make any money.

The fact that your first thought

Was the size of my future wallet,

And not the size of my future smile,

Is indicative of the treatment of

Your teachers.

We mold your kids,

We see them more than you do,

We hear their struggles,

We see their excitement.

The arguments I've seen between

Father

And

Daughter

Highlight the stigma

But I can lift them up,

Against

Teachers.

You scorn us

Yet expect us to be

Perfect with

Perfect scores

And Perfect reflections

But students are not paper;

They live and breathe-

I cannot edit them,

Put a spotlight

On their passions

To blind out the fear.

So, the next time you

scoff

At teachers