

The Music Teacher's Ode

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Mu-sic a un-i - ver-sal mys-te-ry. Mu-sic with the

pow-er to move us, to make us want to sway to tap our feet. Mu-sic it soothes and ex - cites; it

brings back mem-o-ries. It of-fers us joy. With on-ly a few notes it tells us what type of mu-sic we are

hear ing. With on-ly a few notes it sends us zoom ing back in time to the mem-o-ry of an e - vent of our

past. We con - nect withoth - erg through mu - sic. We cre - ate com-mu-ni - ty through mu - sic. We

share feel-ings that com-mu-ni-cate be - yond the a - bi - li - ty of words. Mu - sic that pow-er - ful

com-bi-na-tion of sounds, the group-ing-of notes, the blend of some-thing to be heard. A mix-ture of life for the

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ears, a good gift to be shared. Teach-ing mu-sic more than notes and rests. Teach-ing mu-sic

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more than notes and rests or find-ing re-peat-ing pat-terns or phrase or per-form-ing the best.

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More than meet-ing na-tion-al stan-dards or state re-quire-ments. More than as-ses-sing stu-dent pro-gress.

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Mu-sic, fee-ling, e-mo-tions, joy. We ap-plaud the mu-sic ed-u-ca-tors bring-ing

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mu-sic to life for stu-dents pro-vid-ing e-mo-tion-al in-volve-ment and in-tel-lect-ual growth.

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We ac-know-ledge, re-cog-nize and re-joice in the pow-er of mu-sic. We ac-know-ledge, re-cog

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nize and re-joice in the im-por-tance of tea-chers. We ac-know-ledge the im-por-tance of the

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pow-er of mu- sic; re-cog-nize the joy of learn-ing to make mu sic... We re- joice in the gift of mu- sic.

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Mu- sic ser-ving us with a high-er qua-li-ty of liv ing; bring-ing us to beau-ty and

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joy; to har- mo - ny of life; a great gift to be shared.

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