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## **Parent Invites a Teacher into the Art of Knowing**

*Teacher of my child, let me know what you know that I don't know*

*And you also need to know that I know as parent of your student*

*We both need to know what we don't*

*Together we unlearn and learn*

*Let's talk about knowing and unknowing, teaching and learning*

*The student you have in your class is my child*

*The child I share with you is your student*

*You teach him how to speak English*

*I teach him how to speak his voice*

*You teach him how we all are the same*

*I teach him how we all are different too*

*You teach him how to share with others his culture*

*I teach him how to live between two cultures*

*You are scared to talk to him about his faith*

*I am scared both for him and his faith*

*You teach him how to find the right answers*

*I teach him ways to pose hard questions*

*You teach him how to read and write a story*

*I teach him ways to tell and live his own story*

*You have expert knowledge on how to teach your student*

*I have personal knowledge on how to nurture my child*

*You are a teacher and teaching is your profession*

*I am a parent and protecting is my position*

*Let's make a mutual pledge about our child and student*

*Let me know how I can help you in teaching and knowing your student*

*There is no other way that you can come to know my child than... **compassion***