

# I Heard You Twice the First Time

## Poems for Tired and Bewildered Teachers

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*With Contributions by Five  
Teacher/Librarian Poets*

Meet the teachers who struggle with stress, failure, difficult students and a lack of time to “enjoy the joy” in their classrooms. Laugh with the teacher who is bewildered by the endless changes in his profession, and finally, meet the teacher who arrives at the Pearly Gates and asks the most important question of all:

*Were my years in school*

*Worth all that work and time?*

Join author Kalli Dakos on a poetic journey that will rest your teaching soul and inspire your career!

### Time to Play

There are 86,400 seconds  
In a day,  
Use some of them  
For poetry,  
And some of them to  
**PLAY!**

### Definition of Teachers

Astronauts,  
Exploring  
The far reaches  
Of the universe  
Inside of students.

Engineers,  
Designing  
Spaceships  
Strong enough  
To carry children  
On their journey  
Through life.

Scientists,  
Studying  
The minds  
And hopes  
And dreams  
Of the earth's  
Most precious resource.

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### Poems Include

A Teacher's Plea  
I Need More Hours in a Day  
Ode to a Librarian  
Learn to Fail  
I Touch the Future  
A Head that Always Aches  
Because of You  
The Greatest Stress  
The Greatest Failure  
Teachers' Snow Dance  
Zip a Me (Eowana Jordan)  
Are There Victories in the End (Jan Price)  
A Student is Driving Me Crazy  
A Teacher Stood at the Pearly Gates  
I Heard You Twice the First Time  
The Parent's Showing (Julia Critchfield)  
All that Counts  
*And many more!*

