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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***