

2 SEASONS OF TEACHING

Some Contrastive Thoughts on Pedagogy

Young Teacher

I'd like to make a difference
& spark students to consider new things

I want to embrace innovation
& encourage creative questioning

I wish to touch the hearts of others
& foster positive beliefs

I believe in open education
& value discovery

. . . 30 Years Later

It's no small success
to make it through each day –
with so many competing agendas
it's amazing any new insights
enter this tired brain.

Not as a particularly skilled savant
nor as one who always knows how to "teach"
I simply strive to be passionate
about what those around me can achieve

There's no need to challenge tradition
for mere innovation's sake – it's better
to recognize when change is feasible
& when conventions argh stuck in place

I can't pretend to help all students –
just encourage some to take more responsibility

Only when folks work with their own errors
is there significant learning.

- T Newfields

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