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## The Sub

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## **The Sub.**

**Whether by choice or need;  
this is the work I do.  
You are the teacher and I--  
I am the Sub.**

**When you are absent I am called;  
late in the evening or early in the morning.  
My day is on hold until the call;  
then I'm either the Sub or some other role in my life.**

**Upon arrival at the school I check in and am asked;  
"Are you the Sub?" "Yes, I'm the Sub."  
"Here's the keys; room is down the hall, third door on left."  
I think to myself, "It's always down the hall,  
third door on the left."**

**Entering the classroom I know what the day will be like;  
just by your preparation of the students.  
Of course they will test me, as they always do.  
I go through that every time; it comes as no surprise.  
But, your planning and notes make my day.  
Do you consider me a teacher or just someone to sit the class?  
I know which by the plans left for me to use.**

**The day can be pleasant or difficult.  
Sometimes, I want to come back to "my" students.  
At other times I go home, admiring your stamina and patience.  
I think of having your job, yet that may never happen.  
Because of choice or need I must remember,  
that when the call comes, it is time for me to be the Sub.**

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