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The Writing Teacher (for Joyce Wiencek)

Rhonda Hawthorne-Larkin

She proclaimed we were writers
the very first day.
She said, "Writers are people
who have something to say."

She said we'd write fables
and poetry and such;
We couldn't help thinking
she was expecting too much.

We brainstormed, we drafted;
The writing process started.
No one felt very comfortable;
Our enthusiasm was half-hearted.

She encouraged and conferenced
and guided us through
the writing that few of us
thought we could do.

Our class celebration,
the very last day,
Proved the teacher was right
By what we all had to say.

As each of us read
Some of our work to the class,
We were at times brought to tears;
Other times we would laugh.

Our writing teacher listened
and looked on with pride,
As each revealed the talent
we'd long kept inside.