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FEATURED POET

Reveal of the Real Superheroes

*“...and like most superpowers emanating from most superheroes,
those powers are hidden, a secret even to the superhero...”*

Shadowless moments beckoned the end of clocks
on the fourteenth day, in the tenth month of the twenty-first century
time where facilitated facades faded

I, Poet Laureate, Stone of Flint materialized not purely to impart pedagogy:
Poetry as Second Language (PSL), Passcode to Literacy via Semajian Method
I was summoned to represent resplendently, to revoke the cloak indefinitely
called forth to unveil the veil, to expose you, MCTE!
To issue the expiration date on anonymity
To resend the Superhero power on invisibility
I manifest to reveal what is concealed-
Identify dual covert markings, pupils placed in centers of orbs
Eyes published as orbs: A Secret Synonym Metaphorical Code
Declared by Signs of Sameness from Galaxy Thesaurus
I exist to persist to cast veracity
beyond outer limit capacity, where crows pilot Earth
writing flight across magenta moons so the world will know, know
Teachers of English are Societies' Superheroes!!!

For Hours upon epochs English Language Arts Professors
hearken Shakespeare informed by Chaucer wordsmiths
anticipating Baldwin, Zora Neal Hurston, predicting Bishop
inspired by Rumi and Hafez, calibrated by Confucius
enlightened by Mande griot scholars, ignited by Imhotep
who absorbed aboriginal winds, unleashing----
pre-Cambrian super power of MIND MAKING!!!

Post, post, Grand Meta-modernists Alchemists, Teachers of English
wielding wands as pointers, make minds from mercurial matter
Literary ligaments transcend computerized screens
to un-close homes prying open hope subverting horror
unfolding promise in the crease of a lesson, they are
stewards of thought, primers of imagination,
Legends of language, architects of future
Streaming meaning across our big untapped sky brains
Penning forward the unerasable ink of justice quest
Instructing us out of Chaos into Cherished Community.

Teachers of English hone our greatest intellectuals
Never raising arms as flags to wave:

“I did that, I did that,
I cultivated that Nobel Prize Recipient’s mind.
I diagramed the thinking of the scientist who
invented the cure.
I fed and fueled the Supreme Court Justice’s love for reading.”

No, they remain as gravity our imperceptible silent force.
Unlike sports coaches who we hail and regale.

The Superhero Power of MIND MAKING
sculpts, paints, molds us into a band of something good,
literate, responsible, beautiful, yes, sublime.
I salute, Teachers of English, our language arts experts
applaud, take off my scarf, hat, curtsy, and bow. I am of them.
I have the dual markings, one centered in each orb to prove it.

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