

Teacher-Student Blues by M.L. DeFino

Day in and day out
You wear me out

Disconnect – You don't see me.

I can't hear you
cuz I got curriculum

I'm it – But you won't go there.

You're here to learn
and I won't let you interfere

Erased – just like at home.

Your mama didn't send
you to school to socialize

You don't even know my mama.

Keep it up and you'll
get an after-school detention

I ain't going and no one cares.

Where's security to get
This kid out of my hair?

Playing cards in the lounge.

Something wrong with this picture?
Repeat ad infinitum

I'm still waiting...

I will be heard.

Written on April 17th 2010 Suspension Stories event in "*There's No Comparison for Adults*" workshop facilitated by the Neighborhood Writing Alliance. In this workshop, adult participants recalled and wrote about a time from their youth that mirrors the school discipline situations today which sometimes end in arrest.