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## Teacher's Dream

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Unable to see, smell or hear,  
The old school teacher, past eighty-five,  
A strange disease with no known cure  
Gnawing inside his forehead,  
Leaned back on his arm-chair,  
Slipping into a slumber.

Into his mind crowded  
Hundreds of faces,  
Of children he taught,  
Not even one name he could recall,  
Yet, one of them came alive,  
Bowed before him, touched his feet,  
Said his name and sought blessing.

A researcher in medicine,  
He knew of the disease of his teacher.  
With him he had brought  
A potion he formulated,  
Yet to be tested and approved,  
Sought to know if he could try it,  
Sure to rid him of the ailment.

Knowing well his end was near,  
He consented to try the medicine,  
Having immense trust  
In the goodness of his disciple,  
And lo! in a week,  
The gnawing pain disappeared,  
He could open his eyes,  
See things hazily first and clearly later,  
Could smell, hearing he couldn't regain,  
For the disease didn't cause its loss.

His daughter saw him smiling in his sleep  
When she brought him food to feed.