

The Bell She Never Heard

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She said 'After this deadline'
She said 'Once the term ended',
'Just this batch of students',
'Just until the exams',
"Then I'll rest. Then I'll live. Then."

But her "then" was always, next year's timetable.
She never used the leave; saved for 'someday'.
She never opened the book, bought for herself.
Her desk was a monument to other's futures
Red pen in hand, she underlined their dreams
But forgot to write her own

She thought she had time,
Time to travel once term ended,
Time to read for pleasure, not for syllabus,

Time to sit without papers to check

Now her chair is empty, her desk is cleared

The syllabus moved on, the bell kept ringing

Another teacher took her class by Monday.

Her log book closed her name, her files were thrown out

So if you knew her, don't just remember her

Live the lessons of her life

Don't save your living, for a day that may not come.

Life never told her it was the last period

It won't tell you either.

Life never sent a warning; it does not knock, or ask if you're ready

It doesn't wait for summer break, or ask if the lesson plans are done.

It slips in between 'I'll do it later and silence.

The bell could ring with no warning.

Let your life be so full that when the bell rings,

You smile and say 'I gave it everything.

Live it full. Live it now. Before it's done.

Life is very short

Life is very short,
Nothing is in our hand
Time slips like sand!

Life is very short
For the coffee you rushed,
The call you missed,
The hug you forgot,
The chance you missed!

Life is too short
For the words stuck in throats,
-the love we don't show,
-the people we love slip away
The 'one day' becomes 'too late'

Life is too short
Before we know,
It turns gray!

Life is very short
Let it be deep
Let healing mend
Let gratitude lift
Let yourself to know
What life is all about?