

The Sub.

**Whether by choice or need;
this is the work I do.
You are the teacher and I--
I am the Sub.**

**When you are absent I am called;
late in the evening or early in the morning.
My day is on hold until the call;
then I'm either the Sub or some other role in my life.**

**Upon arrival at the school I check in and am asked;
"Are you the Sub?" "Yes, I'm the Sub."
"Here's the keys; room is down the hall, third door on left."
I think to myself, "It's always down the hall,
third door on the left."**

**Entering the classroom I know what the day will be like;
just by your preparation of the students.
Of course they will test me, as they always do.
I go through that every time; it comes as no surprise.
But, your planning and notes make my day.
Do you consider me a teacher or just someone to sit the class?
I know which by the plans left for me to use.**

**The day can be pleasant or difficult.
Sometimes, I want to come back to "my" students.
At other times I go home, admiring your stamina and patience.
I think of having your job, yet that may never happen.
Because of choice or need I must remember,
that when the call comes, it is time for me to be the Sub.**

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