

I believe that right now is an appropriate time
To dedicate to my students this little rhyme:
First to those students who have only begun--
Traci, and Mary, Wendi and Larry,
You can see--there is much work to be done.

For Karen, Lesa, Raymond and Jo Beth McCreight,
Who can make good progress,
When they do their work right.

But, when Gordon, Donna, and Denise lost their music, you see
This was no help at all to me.
Gordon and Donna had other songs to play
About Denise, I will have more to say.

Beth learned her song so very quick--
I said, "Good, I have another one already picked".
And to D'Ann, who really works so very much--
I'll say "Don't pound the keys--just keep a soft touch."

When Denise announced her music was lost,
I had four new gray hairs pop in one night.
She quickly learned a new song all by herself,
And did her best to set things right.

For Carlton, who started his song with a whiz
And then, all of a sudden--it just went fizz.
We worked real hard to bring it up to par
And this time he really deserves a star.

For Eddie, I picked a hard song, I fear,
For one who is in his very first year.
I knew he would surely try hard for this cause,
And ~~he~~ ^{he} does deserve our applause.

And Cindy, his sister, who works every day,
will play very well if she keeps on ~~in~~ ^{hard} this way.

And with Sheryl and Kellye, I'm really kept quite busy,
Trying to push them along, in order to learn their new song.
I am wondering if it would be more profitable,
To just get in front, and give a good pull.
~~at the hair of their head~~

~~as hard as~~ If Cindy, Graham, Kerry and Shelli would work all year long,
Just as they have so hard on their song,
They would find they could play, with just a quick look,
Any song they wanted to, that's written in the book.

*- But of these two, that not all I'll say,
Because this year, nice songs they did play,
which proves to me, when put to the test,
they'll come forward and give it their best.*

*And, now that we're through with our program
at last,
I'll say to myself, "Thank Goodness, to past
we want to invite you, one & all
for cookies & punch on Fellowship Hall."*