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### Coming Home

After a two-semester leave from teaching, I am able to conclude, as does Mary Rao (Eisenkraft, this issue) "I'm very lucky to be a human." I am likewise fortunate to be associated with this journal as it provides me the opportunity to act as first reader of manuscripts prepared by teacher learners who demonstrate through their writing that teaching and learning is for them a vocation in the sense of Parker J. Palmer's definition that states vocation is "the thing I can't not do" and can't fully explain to others.

My year away from the classroom to observe other teachers and read my personal collection of journals written over a twenty year period (1979-1999) had the effect of reminding me of my own vulnerability as a human creature and my call to a vocation that truly is the "thing I can't not do." I have work that allows me to profess daily that "I'm very lucky to be a human."

Teaching & Learning is "lucky" that Kathleen Gershman has agreed to continue as co-editor. We have appreciated her leadership and benefit from her expertise and collegiality.

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