

A Request to My Son's Kindergarten Teacher

Dear Kindergarten Teacher,

I beg you to allow
this five year-old
his artistic freedom.
Was little Leonardo
constrained
to colour inside the lines?
Surely his imagination roamed free
as he drew on walls with candles
and in the sand with bones
scratched with chalk on a slate
stole charcoal to mark stones?
Rembrandt, Dalí, Pollock, Hockney
all surely had to rebel in turn
to keep touch
with their creativity?
Miraculous so many prevailed
to keep drawing from imagination,
free from the constraints
of conformity.
Don't cramp my son's style, teachers.
Let his crayons run free!

Signed,
A Concerned Parent

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