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**Practicing Resurrection
Poems and Pleas for Public Education
Meet me in the middle of this madness**

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Abstract

The poem examines the power dynamics that shape public education, offering perspectives on themes of authority, resistance, equity, and empowerment intended to foster dialogue about the transformative potential of teacher agency in shaping equitable and empowering learning environments. They are both critique and celebration—an offering to those who dare to reimagine education as a space for collective liberation and radical possibility.

Meet me in the middle of this madness.

I'll bring all of me

You bring all of you

Together

We will circle each other in this

Sacred Space

Face to Face

not facing off, but facing inward and facing outward for
findings that mean more than Milestones.

What is known will be our own

not some specious spectacle that puts us on display, that
takes away our voices and choices

until we aren't sure what the point is. The

rest can march in line

keeping time to someone else's false
design.

We'll hide right here inside this rhyme

where truth is yours

and

truth is mine

and we become what we divine

Together

