

Our Human Rights

By Susan Cummings

I have the right to be happy and to be
Treated with compassion in this school:
This means that no one will
laugh at me or hurt my feelings.

I have the right to be myself in this school:
This means that no one will treat me unfairly
Because of the color of my skin
Or because I am fat or thin,
Short or tall, boy or girl
Or the way I look.

I have the right to be safe in this school
This means that no one will
Hit me, kick me,
Push me, pinch me
Or hurt me.

I have the right to hear and be heard in this school:
This means no one will yell, scream, or shout.

I have the right to learn about myself in this school
This means that I will be
Free to express my feelings and opinions
Without being interrupted or punished.

I have a right to learn according to my own ability in school:
This means that no one will call me names
Because of the way I learn.

These rights are also your rights:
This means that in this school you and I will
Share together, learn together, work together, have fun together.