

To the OHMI Teachers.....

*As we look back on all the trails you helped us blaze,
At the faithful, heartfelt service that so often goes unpraised,
At the steps that we have climbed so far and those that are ahead,
We take a moment from our songs to think of you instead.*

*We remember weeks of toil, of trial and error and sweat,
Of building music chord by chord or getting tempos set,
The days we worked and worked to fix that one atrocious place
And when we did, we couldn't wipe the smile off our face.*

*We remember all the passion and the joy you brought along,
Putting so much of yourself in every single song;
The times you smiled your praise and didn't need to speak aloud,
And if you frowned we pushed ourselves ahead to make you proud.*

*Perhaps we have not told you just how thankful we all are,
Perhaps you do not know how much you've helped us, or how far,
So we tell you know our gratitude, and ask that you will take
Our music and our smiles as an offering of thanks.*

~ an OHMI Senior