

# THE RETIRED TEACHERS FROM CHICAGO

A poem by Mort Ellenbogen

We're the retired teachers from Chicago.  
We worked to make our students best.  
Now that we've retired, they think that we should rest!

The day is never long enough, the nights are filled with thoughts.  
Our pensions are in danger.  
Our positions must be fought.

Our former students are now teachers, doctors and accountants too.  
While some are not successful, we hope that group is few.  
Education's most important.  
It keeps our country strong.  
It also helps our citizens, to recognize right from wrong.

We need the best of teachers,  
The finest in our land.  
To attract the best men and women,  
Rewards must be included in the plan.

Our workforce should be honored.  
They made us loved and strong.  
They all deserve a living wage,  
And to feel that they belong!

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