



It Matters to This One

As I walked along the seashore
This young boy greeted me.
He was tossing a stranded starfish
Back into the deep, blue sea.
I said, "Tell me why you bother.
Why you waste your time this way?
There's a million stranded starfish.
Does it matter anyway?"

And he said, "It matters to this one.
It deserves a chance to grow.
It matters to this one.
I can't save them all, I know.
But it matters to this one,
I'll return it to the sea.
It matters to this one,
And it matters a lot to me."

As I walked into the classroom
The teacher greeted me.
She was helping Johnny study.
He was struggling-I could see.
I said, "Tell me why you bother.
Why you waste your time this way?
Johnny's only one of millions.
Does it matter anyway?"

And she said, "It matters to this one.
He deserves a chance to grow.
It matters to this one.
I can't save them all, I know.
But it matters to this one,
I'll help him be what he can be.
It matters to this one,
And it matters a lot to me."

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