

God bless the young folk, they that seek and seldom find  
And yet ceaselessly do seek some Truer, Better Thing.  
These are they, O Lord, who open up the hidden ways,  
For the ways of the young are wide,  
And their souls hunger after God.

If you do not lift them up, they will pull you down.  
There must be teachers, and teachers of teachers.

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