

## Homeschool Blues

for Carrie

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when the students grow confused  
as I tell them we homeschool I say  
my sons love learning a jaw drops  
asking *what does your wife do?*  
she's at home I say we are now  
both at work teaching another  
jaw drop to ask *Does she get paid?*  
I worry for a moment but an alert  
dings on my phone no alarm  
Carrie sent a poem by Asmund  
about how a legend is the wings  
that fly above the fins that swim  
below the hands that grasp onto  
trees that know no end for growth