

Me, the Leader, Shaped Like Me (but if Cut Out and Connected, then Shaped Like We) by Andrea Kittelson

Servant

Transformational

Big picture vision

Situational

Symbolic!

Structural with regard to designing and managing systems that yield results

Access to, and engagement in, democracy the ultimate goal

Eye-on-the-prize mindset

Visionary

Creative

Pioneer

Balance of zealous, no-nonsense and fun

'Practice into theory' like Fullan

'It's the everyman, not the superstar' too

'Bureaucracy isn't for the poor' like Elmore

'Get the right people on the bus' like Collins

'Expansive capacity and openness to growth' like Senge

Full of stories like Castruita (though not as many stories just yet)

Admirer of meaning, potential and hope

Hard honest work

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My mottos are "Don't limit yourself to be what you've already been or seen" and "Read, write, think, create, serve."

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Educational Leadership Medley

Lyrics by Andrea Kittelson

Music by Woody Guthrie, Oliver Hood, Donovan and the mighty purveyors of Negro spirituals

[This Land is Your Land]

The work is your work

The work is my work

It's work we all must do as a whole

To ensure our children have opportunities

To realize what they envision with their soul

As I was rising through the ranks of teaching

I felt imbued with a sense of wonder

At all the richness that was around me

People who would not be kept asunder

It was East Oakland where dads were imprisoned

And siblings killed in drive-by shootings

Yet their brothers came to school on Monday

To actualize a different kind of life

The work is your work

The work is my work

It's work we all must do as a whole

To ensure our children have opportunities

To realize what they envision with their soul

[You Are My Sunshine]

You are the reason I'm a servant leader

You are a stakeholder who depends on me

To provide inspiration and thoughtful guidance

And work alongside you in the field

with rolled up sleeves

Autonomy and mastery and sense of purpose

Are what we all need to achieve

They require empathy and wit and bravery

On behalf of leaders who stand back and say "Believe!"

You are the reason I'm a servant leader

You are a stakeholder who depends on me

To provide inspiration and thoughtful guidance

And work alongside you in the field

with rolled up sleeves

[Catch the Wind]

When sundown darkens the sky

And the bell has rung

The kids have gone

We stare at walls and desks all covered in papers

That represent all that we meant

Or did they, and do they

Ah, we may as well try and catch the wind

Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh

Yet we soldier on selling hope

Offering assignments

And guidance

With faith that they will lead to understanding

Red pen in hand we mark them up

We dark them up yet light them up

With notes on how to grow and see new ways

To live full lives beyond what we can see

Transcending you, transcending me

Ah, we hope they finally catch the wind

Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh

[Swing Low, Sweet Chariot]

Short vowels, short vowels

a, eh, ih, ah, uh

Short vowels, short vowels

a, eh, ih, ah, uh

Some leaders like to make up songs

For other folks to sing along

To help remember and add levity

And invite all folks to belong

We're sometimes up we're sometimes down

On our way to get us "there"

All our souls are education bound

And we will all get us "there"

Especially if we define "there"

But even if we can't define "there"

I hope one day we define "there"

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