

Ode to a Homeschool Mom

**As a wife, mother, and home educator
You are the embodiment of life, love, and laughter.
Even at times when you do not feel respected,
You are adored by the children you've directed.**

**Your chosen career means there is much to do,
For you are your children's best teacher, too—
Training them to walk, to talk and say "please,"
Plus reading, writing, math, and social studies.**

**Gathering books from the library, you strive
To read aloud and bring history alive.
You take kids on field trips and nature hikes,
Arrange play days and set up movie nights.**

**You are a modern "Renaissance woman,"
Instructing every one of your children
In all of the fine arts and sciences
While you also pursue your own interests.**

**You are a housekeeper, nurse, cook, janitor,
Counselor, cheerleader, and a whole lot more.
You can give a lesson and bake a cake
While tying a shoe and mending a break.**

**You teach your children for most of the day,
And carefully listen to what they have to say.
Rather than measuring by height, grade or year,
You track their growth by the character they wear.**

**You routinely put your family first
And do your best to fix every hurt.
Your heart is full of compassion showing
You are quite wise and always knowing.**

**Your life is not as glorious as some,
With many days taken up by tedium,
And you rarely get what you truly deserve,
As anyone else would surely observe.**

**But even amid the worst of all days,
Happiness is found in a special way.
God is your strength and Jesus is your mentor;
As you honor Him, He blesses your endeavor.**