

Quote from “*Teacher and Child*”

---

By *Haim Ginott*

**I have come to a frightening conclusion.**

**I am the decisive element in the classroom.**

**It is my personal approach that creates the climate.**

**It is my daily mood that makes the weather.**

**As a teacher I possess tremendous power to make  
a child's life miserable or joyous.**

**I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration.**

**I can humiliate or honor, hurt or heal.**

**In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis  
will be escalated or de-escalated, and a child humanized  
or de-humanized.**