



## **The Star Polisher**

"My job is to take the stars in, shine them, buff them,  
and then send them out into the sky."

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I have a great job in the universe of occupations. What do I do?  
I'm a star polisher. It's a very important job. If you want to know how  
important, just go out at night and look at the stars twinkling and sparkling.

You see, I am a teacher. The stars are the children in my class. My job is to  
take them in - in whatever shape they come - and shine them and buff them,  
and then send them out to take their places as bright little twinkling  
beacons in the sky.

They come into my room in all shapes and sizes. Sometimes they're bent,  
tarnished, dirty, crinkly and broken. Some stars are cuddly, soft, and sweet.  
Some stars are prickly and thorny.

As I buff, polish, train, and teach my little stars, I tell them that the world  
cannot do without them. I tell them they can do anything they set their  
minds to do. I tell them they can be the brightest, shiniest stars in the sky,  
and that the world will be a better place because of them.

Each night as I look at the sky, I'm reminded of my very important job and  
awesome responsibility. I go and get my soft buffing cloth and my little  
bottle of polish in preparation for tomorrow and for my class of little stars.