

Creative Research: Teacher and the Candle

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	"Teachers and the Candles" is a popular music creative work in which the composer
	was inspired by the candle light that burnt itself for producing the light for every
	creature to see in the dark. Comparing to the teachers who work hard especially
	the local teachers in the remote area whom destroyed themselves day in and day out as similar as the candles. The song contained four sections and was in binary
	form (A-B-A-B), C major scale and the song text was in lyrical format. The music was
	scored for a small string combo band.

Key word Creative research, Teacher and the Candle, Pop song

Research purpose:

To create a popular song entitled "Teachers and the Candles"

Inspiration of the composer:

When the researcher was a primary teacher in a remote area of a local country in 1964, he had impressed on two lyrics written by a Minister of Education at that time, namely "ML. Pin Malakul". These two lyrics were; one the "orchids", orchid produces the flower very slow, but when flower appears it is so beautiful. As teacher who work in the remote area of Thailand, I am in with the meaning of the lyric very much and it encourages me to work with hope to develop all chanceless children for their good future. In second lyric "a candle" giving meaning about dimly-fickle candle in the darkness as like as a local teacher in the jungle of a remote place. Only him/her that can help all pour children growing up to be a valuable people in a society. These two lyrics are composed in *"khlong si suphap"* (literally a polite four stanzas) genre. The two lyrics are as follow:

The Orchids Thai text: Reading: English translation:	กล้วยไม้มีดอกช้า <i>Kluay mai mee dok cha</i> Orchid slowly produces flower	ฉันใด <i>chan dai</i> (that is)
Thai text:	การศึกษาเป็นไป	เช่นนั้น
Reading;	<i>Kan suk sa pen pai</i>	<i>chen nan</i>
English translation:	As same as education	(it is)
Thai text:	แต่ดอกออกคราวไร	งามเด่น
Reading:	<i>Tae dawk awk krao rai</i>	<i>ngam den</i>
English translation:	But when having flower,	it is so beautiful
Thai text:	การสั่งสอนปลุกปั้น	เสว็จแล้วแสนงาม
Reading:	<i>Kan sung sawn plook pan</i>	<i>sed laew saen ngam</i>
English translation:	When teaching and inculcating	is done, the production is so beautiful.

The Candle

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Thai text:	ถิ่นไทยในป่ากว้าง	ห่างไกล
Reading:	<i>Thin thai nai pa kwang</i>	<i>hang klai</i>
English translation:	Somewhere in the jungle,	remote place
Thai text:	แสงวัฒนธรรมใด	สองบ้าง
Reading:	<i>Saeng watanatham dai</i>	<i>song bang</i>
English translation:	Is there any light of civilization	shines over,
Thai text:	เห็นเทียนอยู่รำไร	เล่มหนึ่ง
Reading:	<i>Hen tian yoo ram rai</i>	<i>lem nueng</i>
English translation:	Seeing a dimly-fickle candle	only one,
Thai text:	ครูนั่นแหละอาจสร้าง	เสกให้ชัชวาลย์
Reading:	<i>Khru nan lae arj sang</i>	<i>sek hai chatchawan</i>
English translation:	Just a teacher that could make i	t shines brightly.

These two lyrics inspired the researcher to think about the teachers working in remote area of all over Thailand, even in the city is developed in to modern society but many of remote places still undeveloped and hard to live with The teachers who teach poor students with their mercy in those area is as like as a candle that burn itself little by little at a time. This feeling inspired me to compose a piece "Teacher and the candle"

While looking at peoples carrying a candle in hand walking in the dark at night, the candle shinning give light for people to see the way that they can walk through it safely in correct direction, while the heat burnt the candle's wax, and the candle melts itself getting shorter and shorter that can compare with the life of the teachers whom taught the students hardly, arduously, tortured themselves in both mental and physical that destroyed their health and make them a short life.

Supporting knowledge:

The composer's supporting knowledge divides in to two kind, implicit knowledge and explicit knowledge. Implicit knowledge is accumulative direct experiences of all knowledge and skills including music theory. performances, composition, language and literature, etc. Explicit knowledge is the knowledge learned from document about pop music, harmony and counterpoint, composition, and any music example from internet. CD. YouTube, Facebook, etc.

Scope of Creation:

1. Scope of song text; the song text in written in lyrical form and the content is about the candle produces the light to destroy the darkness by burning its wax body and making the candle shorter, candle melt itself to give other creatures lightness. This situation is as like as the teachers who work so hard, tortured themselves with strongly patient resulting health problem and short living.

2. Scope of melody; the melody is completely new creation in pop style, comprises of four sections, ABAB structure and in pentatonic mode with moderato tempo.

Sources of knowledge:

Documentary study on pop music writing, pop song arranging, score writing and variety of video clip of pop music.

Creative method:

Finding the inspiration object, making inspiration for composing music then writing lyrical song text, adjust and decorating the music, having experts to check the song and revise it as expert's suggestion, score printing, then having musicians and singer to practice music and rehearsal. Finally, recoding music and put up on YouTube.

Working period:

Working period ranges from August 2566 to April 2566.

Beneficial:

1. Having a music score and parts of a new pop song entitled "Khru Kab Duang Thien" (Teacher and the Candle).

2. Dissemination of the song "Khru Kab Duang Thien" (Teacher and the Candle).

3. The new music can be used for example of study for a new song writer.

Creative work:

Teachers and the Candles (Khru Khab Duang Tien)

Song text:

อันความเรื่องรองของเทียนสว่าง Un kwam ruang rong khawng thien sawang Brightness of the candle light

จริงแท้ดวงเทียนถูกเผา Jing thae duang thien thook phao, Actually, the candle was burnt

ไม่คิดกลัวเกรงมอดไหม้ Mai kit klua kreng mod mai, Never afraid of burning,

ครูคือดวงเทียนผู้ชี้นำชีวิต Khru kue duang thien phu chi nam chiwit Teacher is a candle that leads our life,

เฝ้าทำหน้าที่ชี้นำเรื่อยมา Fao tham na thi chi nam ruai ma, Doing their duty, paving the way for students

> มองดเปลวเทียนก็เห็นจริงประจักษ์ Mong do plew thien kaw hen jing prajak Looking at the candle's frame, seeing the truth

งามล้นงามเพริศเลิศหรู Ngam lon ngam proet loet roo It's so pretty, so beautiful and so elegant

สั่งสอนกล่อมเกลาปลกปั้น Sang sawn klawm klao plook pan Teaching, encouraging, shaping us

ไทยเป็นเมืองทองเพราะสองมือใครนั่น Thai pen muang thong phraoh song mue khrai nan, sang san khuna thum lum chee wee Whose hands made Thai a land of gold? minded.

ชาติไทยรุ่งเรืองฟุ้งเฟื่องธรณี Chat Thai rung ruang fung fuang toranee duang nan Thailand become the world of prosperous,

ส่องทางเดินให้เรา Song thang doen hai rao shines the way for us

ใหม้ทำลายตนเอง mai tamlai ton eng and destroy itself by burning.

ละลายลับไปในชั่วพริบตา lalai lab pai nai chua phrib ta melt itself within a brink.

อหิศร่างกายและวิณญาณ์ U-thit rangkai lae winya sacrificed their body and mind.

ด้วยจิตศรัทธาเมตตาคงมั่น duai jit satha metta khong mun. with strongly faith and mercy.

ว่าความรักของคร wa kwan ruk khawng khru of the teacher's true love

ไม่มีใดเทียมทัน mai mee khrai thiam thun that nothing can compare with.

ไม่มีเว้นวันจนเราได้ดี mai mee wen wan jon rao dai dee every single day, nonstop.

สร้างสรรค์คุณธรรมล้ำชีวี

And creating people, ethical

ด้วยเหตุที่มีแสงเทียงดวงนั้น duai het thee mee saeng thien

because of those candles, light.

Music score

Musical notation is written in full score, consists of voice, flute, string instrument, vibraphone, piano, guitar, electric bass and percussion.



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Music Analysis

The song "Teacher and the candle" is written in ABAB structure, scale of Bb Major, the vocal part is in narrow range from B to b, in moderato tempo, undulating melodic contour. The song text is in Thai poem called *klawn paed* (literally eight words stanza) format. The song has 62 measures in 4/4 time signature.

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