Love Lives Here

In case you are wondering, in case it’s not clear,
We want to remind you that love still lives here.

The torch has been passed, it was always the plan.
Our mission, our passion is still in good hands.

We both know that it is love that helps children grow,
Helps them see clearly who are friends and who are foes.

The lesson love teaches will help them to thrive.
For some of our children, it will keep them alive.

We ignore all skeptics who would not believe.
Our Harlem kids have shown us they can and will achieve.

For we built a special place where love can be found.
In each class, on each block, our love knows no bounds.

Knowing this about love, imagine our dismay
When over and over we hear children say,

“I really have no one to show me the way.
No one to ask how was school today?

No one who knows I’m smart and I’m kind.
No one to say what a beautiful mind.”

But have no fear, they have a talented, brilliant crew
With full hearts and sharp minds. They’ve been taught what to do.

As each day we wake to a child’s joy or their sorrow.
Together we’ll work to ensure their brightest tomorrows.

So we wanted to thank you; friends like you are so dear.
We know you believe in our children and that love still lives here.

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