

Poems taken from the 'Breaking Down Barriers- A collection of poetry'  
(Nasen)

Dyslexia

Dyslexia is like a whole new world to some  
Yes, people find it difficult and they get frustrated  
So if you work hard you can do it, and be a great reader and speller  
Later you will find that you are not dumb you just find it difficult  
English is the hardest lesson for us but we can do it if we really work  
hard  
EXpect difficulties along the way but we can get through it  
I know I can get through because people believe in me and most of all I  
believe in myself  
As long as I keep trying I know I will succeed.

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Dyslexia

Dyslexia felt like a big black hole in the heart  
I thought I was so dumb but that was just a thought!

Then...

I went to a new school  
They listened, they understood  
I read every day  
I spell every day

Now...

I have confidence  
I can read road signs  
I am a higher level in my reading book.

I am happier

I meet my goals.

Joe Reynolds

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## Inclusion

She walks along the corridor  
Taking each step with fear  
Terrified that each passing glance  
Will see a little tear

She asks herself the question  
Every single day  
Why, oh why, did she have to be  
Excluded from all play?

Just because she's dyslexic  
And can't learn very fast  
Why did they tease and taunt her  
Had even punched her in the past?

Then a group descends upon her  
Taking her under their wing  
They like her sense of humour  
And the way she sings.

So now she walks along the corridor  
One amongst the rest  
The tears have now all dried  
The fears have long since left.

So now she is included  
As we all should be  
We all have hidden talents  
Just look, and you will see.

Eleanor Cook  
Friary High School

Breaking down the Barriers  
I am dyslexic. What can I do  
To break down the barriers from me and you?

Tell all the children in the class  
That I can learn, but not that fast!

Let them know that we're not dumb  
And we are just the same as them.

Give me more time with work at home  
So I can do the best I can.

It's great if there's a place to go  
To learn some things that you don't know.

Let us do the things we love.  
History, Science, Maths and clubs.

Bullies - please don't call us nasty names  
Let us join in with your cool games.

Copying from the board is mean.  
I am not a writing machine!

Let's learn together to make things good  
Knock down the barriers the way we should.

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