

An orange bird with a pink wing and a yellow beak is on the left, facing right. A yellow saxophone is on the right, angled upwards. A small yellow musical note is between them. The background is a wavy blue shape on a green field.

Hearing is BEAUTIFUL

A cluster of red dots of various sizes is on the right side of the blue wavy shape.

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Dedicated to my son Sina, who taught me about all the beautiful moments that come with having a child with hearing loss.







When I was born the doctors said
I have hearing loss,

which means I cannot hear sounds very well with my own ears



Mommy and daddy had alot of questions



But with time they
found the answers
to their questions

They learned alot about hearing loss



They learned that I need
cochlear implant devices
to be able to hear



After I got my cochlear implants

And as the days passed

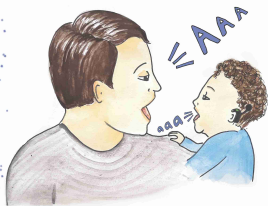
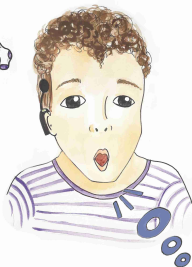


I learned to hear new sounds

And...

Make new sounds





Baaa...lll



I had weekly classes
to learn how to talk



My speech therapist
played so many
fun games with me
We had funny exercises
like sticking out my tongue!





One day
There was
a little
lamb...

One day, I was telling a story
to my cousin about a little lamb
Mommy and Daddy were listening and...
They were so proud of
how fluently I was speaking





When I put my cochlear implant devices on my ears,
and connect the magnetic coil to my head



I can hear all kinds of different sounds

I love the sound of
birds singing



I can hear everything around me



The sound of
the guitar playing



The sound of the TV



The sound of
a car honking
"beep, beep"



Quack <

The sound of a
duck quacking

When I take my cochlear implant devices off



everywhere
is silent



I can't
hear anything



I have noticed...



Nobody around me has cochlear implant
devices. Not my parents, not my younger cousin



And not my older cousin

JUST ME

So I asked my Mom



Why am I different?

And she told me

Everybody's different in their own way, but I think

EVERYBODY'S BEAUTIFUL JUST AS THEY ARE



Look at these vegetables.
They are all different shapes,
different sizes and different colors
BUT...



They're



are



beautiful



they



just



as

Grandpa always carries me on his shoulders.
He's so much fun to be around
He has curly white hair



And I think...

Grandpa is...

BEAUTIFUL JUST AS HE IS



Grandma always holds me so tightly,
she has the warmest hugs.
She has wrinkles on her hands

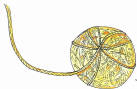


And I think...

Grandma is...



BEAUTIFUL JUST AS SHE IS



My daddy takes me bike riding in the park.
He has a spot on his face



And I think...

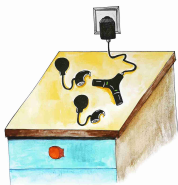
Daddy is
BEAUTIFUL JUST AS HE IS



I think I'm beautiful with my cochlear implant devices.
I look good when I put them on my ears



And...



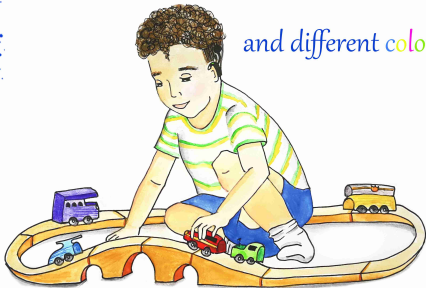
When I take
them off my ears



My favorite toys are my trains!
They are all different shapes,

different sizes

and different colors



And I think...

They're all...



Beautiful



just



as



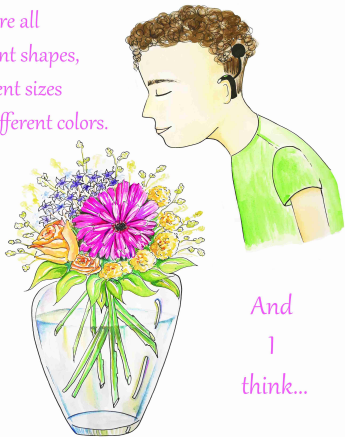
they



are

These flowers smell so nice.

They are all
different shapes,
different sizes
and different colors.



And
I
think...

Each flower is...



Beautiful



just



as



it



is

The most thing I love about hearing
with my cochlear implant devices is



hearing my mommy say...

You are beautiful and
perfect
just as you are

