

Freedom from Peter's Perspective

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I am a growing boy and I want to be free

From falling when I try to ride a bike:

Free from losing my balance when I pick up one foot to climb onto a bike,

Free from slipping off a bike seat when my right foot slips off the pedals or I lose my balance,

And free from losing my grip because my right hand can't hold on tight.

Free to feel the wind on my face and have fun riding a bike,

To feel stable and secure while riding, and to ride independently- that's freedom!

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To have friends, true friendships with peers:

Free to ask someone to play who won't get stuck on "Why are you like that?"

Free to show that I care, and not have someone walk away because I am hard to understand or act differently,

Free to spend time and play with someone I like, who likes me

Free to be myself with all of my strengths and my challenges.....to like and be liked as I am.

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Free to go to school, a typical school with typical kids

Free to be in the same classroom even though I need extra time or help,

Free to learn about the world and math and language, though they come slowly,

Free to work cooperatively so each person can do the part that comes easily, and learn from others,

Free to learn to navigate in the community, in society, prepared for the rest of my life.

Freedom is independence,

Boldness in choice and action,

Daring to dream and proceed toward those dreams,

To proceed with ease, and without constraint or coercion.

Freedom is to find ways to become accomplished or successful, in spite of and because of one's limitations and challenges,

Freedom is to go by non conventional routes or means and arrive none the less.

I want to be free!