





If you like to think big  
But some make you feel crazy  
Or they say you're too weird  
Or they say you're too lazy

Don't pay attention  
And keep on strolling  
Trust in yourself  
And keep the **positivity** rolling



But on the days you want a friend  
On the days you feel alone  
Remember Rosie King  
And you won't be on your own



Rosie King was born  
In the town of Yorkshire  
Her family loved her so much  
That's for sure

Their baby, Rosie  
Was such a delight  
The way she could see the world  
It was quite a sight!



They didn't quite know  
That creative Rosie King  
Had a magic power  
She could think of anything!

At 10 years old, Rosie was told  
That she was born with **Autism**  
This blessing gave her creativity  
And her destiny for **activism**



Her imagination was so **vivid**  
She could draw for hours  
From pixies to goblins  
And even bunches of flowers

She was so creative  
That she could exit this world  
And enter a new one with fairies and trolls  
It was her own dreamworld



To her, she wasn't just playing  
She lived in two places  
Both the one that she created  
And our everyday spaces



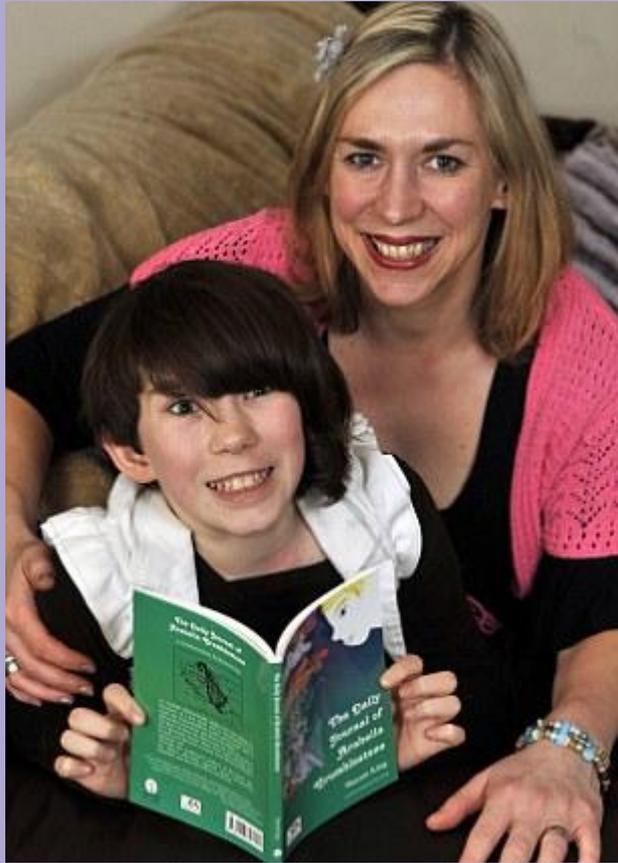
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Her imaginative world would be so exciting  
She would often begin to **stim**  
As an outlet for her energy  
Because her imagination would make her  
grin

Sometimes her stimming  
Would look like hand flapping  
Or rocking in a ball  
Or really hard clapping



But sometimes she had a lot of trouble  
When it came to finding a playmate  
They thought she was weird  
Because her worlds didn't always **translate**



And it was very hard  
For her to pay attention in school  
And listen to her teacher  
When the world in her mind was so cool



Because nobody could see inside her mind,  
Teachers and students thought she was bad  
But really she was thinking in a different way  
So this made her very sad.

Her teachers and classmates  
Just didn't understand  
That Rosie could see things differently  
And that her imagination was super grand!

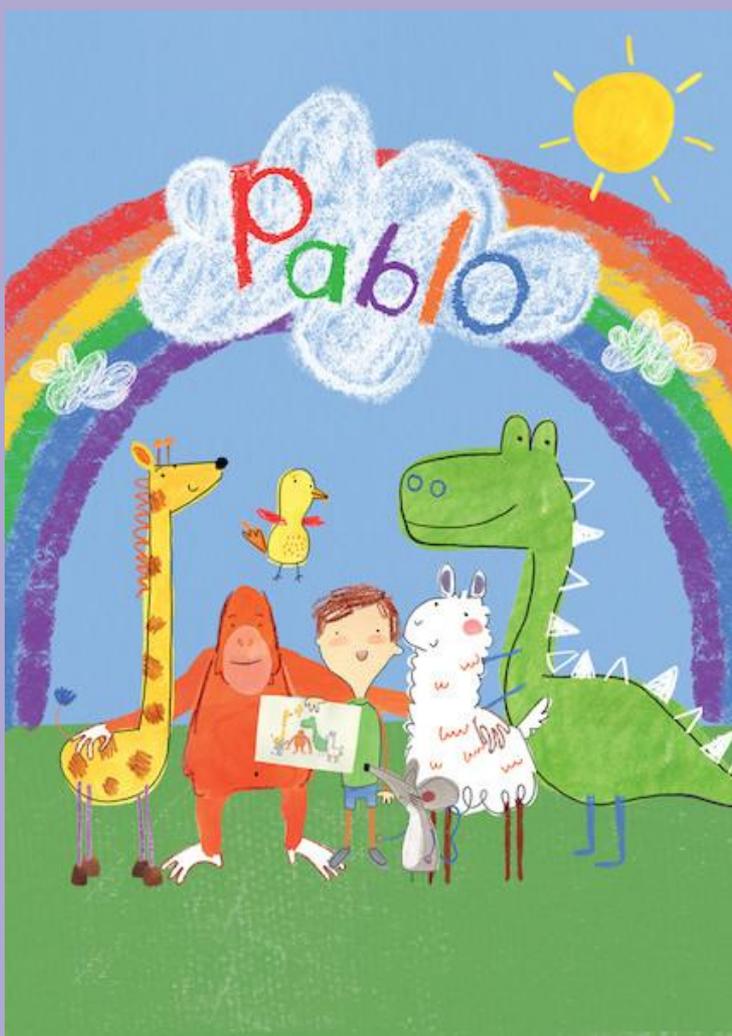


Despite the difficulties  
Her autism found who was **genuine**  
And which friends were true  
And who really loved her from within



People admired Rosie King  
For her ability to write  
And explain her capabilities  
And her imaginative **might**

When she was just seventeen  
She helped write a TV show  
About an imaginative boy like her  
A little boy named Pablo



She decided to write *Pablo*  
Because she wanted to share  
That it's okay to be different  
And together we must care

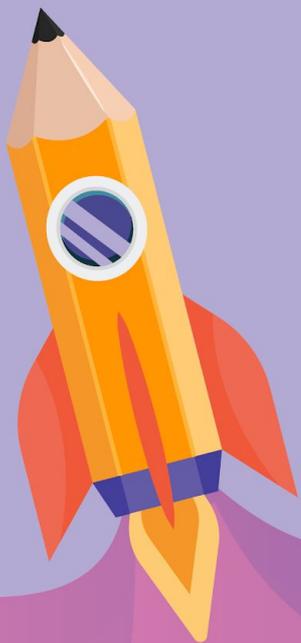


Rosie also spoke to thousands of people  
About how being normal is no fun  
Being yourself is so much better  
And you can get so much more done

She talks about her love  
For her sister and brother  
They have autism too  
But each sibling is different from the other



Her siblings are **nonverbal**  
They don't speak to communicate  
So together they wrestle...



And Laugh...



And make  
funny faces...

# And draw





In order to  
relate



You can step outside of the box  
You are extraordinary  
Rosie reminds us,  
Be yourself even when it's scary



Some people like math  
Some people are tall  
Some people are quiet  
And we love it all

So when you see someone  
Who is sitting alone  
Or might think differently  
Make sure they're known



Because human beings come  
In all shapes and sizes  
With different ways of **reflecting**  
And we are all prizes



PLAY

STUDY

We are all born different  
From each other  
But it's important to celebrate  
one another

CREATIVITY SPORTS



The End

# Glossary

**Activism:** the process of using your voice to make changes in the world

**Autism:** A brain condition that can make talking, learning, making friends, and dealing with changes, loud noises, or crowds difficult

**Genuine:** not pretend; honest

**Might:** power

**Nonverbal:** Not talking or using spoken language

# Glossary

**Positivity:** happy, confident attitude

**Reflecting:** thinking carefully

**Stim:** repetitive actions to deal with overwhelming things like too much noise, people, colors, or changes

**Translate:** to say it in a way that people understand; to use language that people understand

**Vivid:** very strong and clear

# Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that makes you special?
2. Can you tell someone what you're thinking without speaking? Do you make faces or do something to let them know?
3. How can you make sure that nobody feels alone at recess?