Autistic Resilience

I'm autistic, hear me roar!

Dedicating life to being me, unapologetically.

Not just a version for your comfort's sake,

But for those who observe, feeling their hearts ache.

Living in fear of those meant to aid and guide, Undervalued, unappreciated, set aside. Grossly underpaid, struggling for basic needs, How can we flourish with such unjust feeds?

What society treats uniqueness as mere waste? Why should we fit in to have value embraced? I won't bend to your molds, your conformity, I cherish my differences, my autonomy.

I'm not special, just because of autism's name, Nor limited by a diagnosis's claim. Though I might not fit your perception's frame, Autistic, I stand, not seeking fame.

Don't assume by my appearance, what's within, Don't tell me how my life should begin. I'm not a child, treat me with respect, In our world, your presence, we'll gladly accept.

Let's build a world where value is clear, Where acceptance and love replace fear. As individuals, friends, in society we'll blend, Make this world our reality, not just pretend.

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