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### Always By Your Side

Downsyndrome:

A genetic chromosome 21 disorder causing developmental and intellectual delays

Ignorance:

The lack of knowledge or information

On April 7<sup>th</sup> 2008

Was born one of gods greatest creations

His eyes were shaped like almonds

Face round and pale

The doctors locked their eyes on him like a bride peering through her wedding veil

Their eyes danced on his face as if they've never seen a crying baby before

The room soon became a blur of disarray

Doctors were feverishly double checking papers, while nurses ran around the room and became Nascar racers

All movement stopped in unison

They gathered around my mother like a priest giving communion

Words were spoken slowly and softly as if they were afraid the words would jump out and attack my mother

Incapable they said

Institutionalize they said

Inhuman they said

This babies life will never amount to anything we heard

I peered over at the pale faced baby in my mothers arms

My mother held him the same after those words

My mother kissed him the same after those words

The look of love in her eyes never changed after those words

The world is ignorant , incompetent and most of all inconsiderate  
For creating false images and feeding off the innocent  
We claim were a country with vision, yet its filed with illiterates  
They cant read between the lines and see the promise in your eyes  
Because you have defied, every obstacle they put in front of you  
Elijah Bernard Greene you are not different you are unique  
From the way you speak to the way you think  
The don't want to see you happy baby boy they don't want to see you thrive  
But just know that when the whole world is against you  
I'm always by your side

## Statement

I chose to right a poem about my little brother with down syndrome because I feel I can get my message across through poems. The word im hoping to get across is that not just children diagnosed with down syndrome be seen as humans but children and adults across the world with different developmental delay disorders to be seen as humans to because surely their happiness and well being means something. The role of this writing plays a big part in my life as this is about my little brother I could've chosen any day to reflect on to express to people the injustices he has endured but I chose the day he was born and that was significant. It was significant because im trying to get across that as soon as my brother entered this world he was stomped on by society and labeled with names before he could possibly prove them wrong, so I've dedicated my life to help him prove them wrong and this poem is just one little step forward.