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Poems

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~ PEACE ~

Freedom of mind.
Freedom of self.
Lost in my own little world.
Constantly unsure of myself.
Seeing people go by,
Two by two,
Like Noah's ark.
Wanting to be like them.
Bending to society's conformities.
For a time, succeeding.
Painfully aware of my failures.
Constantly reminded that I am different.
Freedom of mind.
Freedom of self.
More used to being by myself.
Where the only constraints is my condition.
And not my condition and society.
Lost in my own little world.
Much safer.
And much kinder.

- Kelly Mason

~ BLESSED ~

Are the fighters who save and protect the innocent:

And at the same time, the dual idealism of peace and freedom.
Even while knowing that the price for that idealism contains their lives.
For the needs of a global society outweigh the needs of the individual.

Are those who surrender for peace:

Even though, in their eyes, they were innocent,
And through their battlefields are soaked in martyrdom,
Their voices shall be heard and listened to as well.

Are the victims:

Those that have survived,
And those that were silenced.
These will be the voices that will educate the future generations.

- Kelly Mason

~ **FALLEN ANGELS** ~

Celestial beings twisted by evil.

Failing God's judgement.

Kicked out of heaven by Christ, who is riding a pure white stallion, the
symbol of innocence and goodness.

Plummeting down to earth, stripped of their immortality and celestial
powers, returning to bounded mortality, never again able to return to their
beloved paradise.

Banished forever from the pearly gates of heaven, wreaking chaos among
the fragile and easily tempted human race.

- Kelly Mason

~ WANDERER ~

Forever lost.
Forever seeking.
The curse of the damned.
Prognosticator of the past.
Seeker of the future.
Foolhardy to believe that the two are different.
And so,
Wanderer,
Forever you shall mark your course:
With unanswered questions,
With damning riddles,
And unsolvable paradoxes.
Wanderer,
Will you ever discover the answer to your existence?

- Kelly Mason

Editor's Note: I met Kelly at a child and youth care conference in Miramichi, New Brunswick, Canada in May 2004. Kelly provided delegates with a unique insight into living with FAS. Kelly Mason is a twenty five year old university student, who has shown tremendous resilience in overcoming learning challenges. She has fetal alcohol syndrome and has worked very hard to be successful despite her learning and social challenges. Kelly was featured on 21C, a CTV half hour documentary series tackling the issues, hot topics and lives of teens and young adults across Canada in the 21st century.