## **Positively Blind**

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I can walk but I can't Not by myself, I need a hand. And that's alright, I get around, Savoring joys, simple to profound.

I can run, but I can't Not by myself, I need a hand. And that's alright, I set a trend By always running with a friend.

I can read, but I can't Not by myself, I need a hand. And that's alright, By my aural decree, I have great books read out to me.

I cant do this I cant do that cant discern a gnome from a gnat Cant spot fireflies in the night, or the bluebirds in the light Cant hope to stay thriving, with a will to keep striving Cant view fair stars shining, yet there is a silver lining...

I can breathe by myself, I don't need a hand I can think for myself, And take a firm stand.

I can hear loud and clear Smell scents, far and near Taste the sugar in a pear And the salt in the air

Feel the wind on my face While asail on a boat, Touch the silky fleece Of my dog's soft coat.

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I can tandem up a trail Learn to read with Braille I can reason, I can rhyme I can mentor, I can mime.

I can talk I can rant I can sing I can chant I can dance till I drop And laugh non- stop.

So , you see , when you can't ... It is alright , you still can!