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Choose Your Words Wisely

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When you are standing there
Lecturing,
Telling of conditions, disorders, deficits

Remember,
That's someone's child.
Someone's whole world and daily experience.

As doctors we want to treat, heal, fix.
As parents we want joy, love, safety.

You say non-verbal, speech delayed, socially deficient.
I hear, he'll never say mommy or I love you;

What you don't say is that I will feel a love
So incredibly deep, he will not need words.
He shows it with his whole body.
I can feel it with my entire soul.

So please, choose your words wisely,

Teach difference, not damage
Teach acceptance, not conformance.

It may be a diagnosis to you,
But it's my child, my life, my reality.

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