

Dear Gift/ed Ones. An Epistolary Chalkboard Poem

Dear Dumb Polak, Kansas Redneck, Kraut, foreigner, Nazi

Sick kid, cripple, crutch-girl, cripple

Crybaby (who)

Cares too much

Cares too much

Feels too much

(is) Too emotional

Too emotional

Too sarcastic

Too energetic

Too autistic weird

Too quiet

Too young

Too nice

Too worried

Needs to relax

Is (a):

Troublemaker, instigator, antagonist

Controlling, careless

Problem kid

Never talks in class

LOUD

DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO WHISPER

Unladylike

Needy

Foul-mouthed queer

Queer, derogatory

Queer, community

Sinner, disappointment

Serious, not funny

Boring, not fun

Always trying, hard-working, persistent, resilience, courage
Lazy, absent
Can't pay attention
Weak

Caretaker
Empath
Never thinks about herself
Cares too much
Cares too much
Feels too much

Unathletic
Jockette
4 eyes
Peg-leg
Cripple, crutch girl
Cripple
Cares too much
Cares too much
Feels too much

Gifted.
A gift.

Thank you for being here, being vulnerable, paying attention,
caring too much, caring too much, feeling too much, being
too-too much solid flesh
(that) would melt thaw and resolve itself into a dew!

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