

Poem as a response from the Corporate Parents to our children and young people in care

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In the realm of care, where dreams unfold,
We heard your voices, precious and bold.
You shared your concerns, your hopes, your fears,
And together, we've journeyed through the years.

You spoke of mental health, a vital need,
For care experienced adults, we take the lead.
Embracing your feedback, we've forged a way,
Enhancing emotional support day by day.

Dedicated practitioners now lend their hand,
Guiding you through challenges, where you may stand.
Isolation fades as connections ignite,
We stand by your side, shining a guiding light.

Understanding your journey, your history untold,
We seek to reveal the stories yet to unfold.
Our Personal Advisors lend their aid,
Unlocking the knowledge that was once barricaded.

"Latter life letters" take shape in this quest,
To provide you with insight and context, the best.
For in comprehending your life's profound scope,
You'll find strength and understanding, we hope.

To know you better, we've sought to engage,
Building relationships on an equal stage.
In the selection process, your voice is heard,
Shaping the team that embraces every word.

Engaging with leaders, your questions arise,
Unveiling motivations, dreams, and ties.
Open dialogue empowers your will,
To influence decisions, to shape and fulfil.

Our staff, too, are guided to communicate,
With child-friendly methods, their skills elevate.
Relationship based practice is the key,
Unlocking connection and empathy.

Transitioning from care can bring uncertainty,
For those in residential placements, we see.
The Staying Close Pilot, our guiding light,
Supporting your steps, through day and night.

With tailored assistance, we pave the way,

Preparing for adulthood, a brighter display.
Empowering you to embrace your fate,
With confidence, resilience, and dreams innate.

Work experience beckons, employment in sight,
We've opened our doors to your shining light.
The Voice Ambassadors now take their stand,
Co-producing services, hand in hand.

Your lived experience, a gift we embrace,
Guiding our work with refinement and grace.
Together we build a workforce diverse,
Making a difference, with voices immersed.

As corporate parents, our commitment is clear,
To be the best we can, we hold you dear.
With hearts united, we journey anew,
Transforming lives, with love and breakthrough.

So let us move forward, hand in hand,
With hope in our hearts, we'll conquer and expand.
Together, we'll create a brighter tomorrow,
As corporate parents, erasing sorrow.

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