

## **In a Perfect World**

In a perfect world I would have had two parents who loved and cherished each other. Who respected one another and who cherished their children. I would have been told I was beautiful; been called a princess and honey - sweetheart and darling. I would have been given the proper nutrition and warmth and love.

I would have had a beautiful room with a warm cover and a nice night light for when I was afraid. I would have had proper shoes, not ones with holes in them.

My mother would have taken me to dance classes, horse-riding lessons, ballet, Girls Brigade. I would have been given pocket money and taught how to save.

I would have been brought up with my brother John, and had a close relationship with him. We would have fought and played together.

I would have been given birthday parties and felt like a star. I would have been comforted when I hurt myself on the swings. I would have been taken care of and not left to do all the housework. I would have kept safe from my Uncle and not been abused.

I would have got a new bra, nice socks, nice trendy shoes, new warm jackets. My teeth would have been cleaned and I would have been taken to the dentist. I would have been taken to the doctors and treated for my breath.

I would have been listened to, and not pushed out of the way. I would have been kissed goodnight and given cuddles. I would have been given praise and encouragement. Taken to nice places, read stories to.

I would have been able to ask for my needs, without feeling like I don't deserve. I would have felt safe, warm and secure. I would have been able to give my mother and father a kiss and a cuddle. I could have sat on my Dad's knee and watched cartoons.

I would have sung in the school play and had my mum, dad, gran and grandpa come to see me. I would have had nice gym shoes with nice white socks, a nice bag, with a nice warm jacket which fitted me.

I would have had friends stay overnight. Not been frightened of my death. Spoken to gently but firmly. I would have been loved and cared for and have no need to run away.