

EVERYDAY
I AM JUST
DEAF

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Deaf Queen Boss

To my grandmother, Justa Velinor

My grandma showed me that no matter our
differences we can strive to be whoever we
want to be.

“No limits and believe in yourself because I
do.”

New Life

Age four.

I was confused.

I had different hearing.

I will never know what it is like
to have normal hearing.

Normal hearing is dead to me.

Where do I start?

Life is crazy without

hearing. I respect my hearing aid.

Without it, I can't succeed.

Hearing is hard.

Voices are hard to understand.

Can hear very little or

may not hear anything at all.

Is everybody's voice different?

Where is it damaged?

The hair cells in a portion
of the inner ear called the cochlea.

Cochlea, thanks to you
my life has changed.

I feel hopeless.

I sometimes sit in the dark.

Wondering to myself,

Why was I born this way?

Why can't I be like everybody else?

This is not fair!

I never asked to be born this way!

Life's a roller coaster;

you have no control.

The only control you have

is how you react.

Life is empty.

Life can make us stronger than ever.

Never doubt your strength.

Everybody's life is different.

Strength is key.

Use that strength.

Fight that devil inside you.

No matter what it is,

You can fight it.

Not everything needs a reaction.

Sometimes it is a sign

for us to keep fighting.

Fighting can be tough,

but don't stop.

God gives us a

second language.

Sign language is a

beautiful language.

It's amazing how we can

communicate.

We do not need to be different.

We need to communicate somehow.

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