

Militant Carer's Manifesto

Sick of empty promises

Sick of rhetoric

Delivery on promises please?

And delivered pretty quick

He doesn't want to be a special case

He's not a guinea pig

He just wants a happy life

Where's his buddy for that gig

Person-centred planning

He wanted help to be a DJ

Set up his own business

That's got to be the way

Yet again they let him down though

Support did not exist

Things don't happen after five (never mind 9)

By now you get the gist

Then there was the business plan

Write it on your own (he can't)

So much for radical assistance

Direct payment or a loan?

As a parent I felt useless

As a Carer felt let down

He suffered through mate crime - but

He's been saved he didn't drown

Now it's called personalisation

We have inclusion - oh how nice

Words on paper yet again

Implemented for a price

Some bright spark in government
Misinterpreted an idea
Let's test them for work ability
Then we can stop their (benefit) money whoa !!

Hang on just a minute
That's not real inclusion
That's not personalisation
You've just created confusion

Capacity needs testing
More wasted money wasted time
Let's admit that help is needed
Just provide it then things are fine

But they choose to keep debating
Where's the practical assistance
For each life lived uniquely
For each person's life enhanced?

LD people like a challenge
They should be able to take risks
What's the point of living
If you can't do that or this

Get a girlfriend, job, house, car
Have a pint or two or three
Kiss under the moonlight
Walk hand in hand 'that's free'

Come on everybody
Let's all get together
Let's demand what is deserved
A real life lived - whatever.

We all have disappointment
Now and again that's fine
Crying is a good emotion
We can't laugh all the time

Let them grow old disgracefully
They couldn't do a lot when young
Neutered, tethered, smothered
Abuse that can't be undone

Protect, please don't suffocate,
Explain then let them choose
Some decisions they can make
Even if they loose

Thank you for the good work
that has gone before
but there's loads more needs a changing
Are you ready for the war

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