



# A Father to his Son

*(with Down's Syndrome)*

Through you I proclaim  
the glorious gift of the verb 'to be.'

Profound in simplicity; in simplicity profound.

Saying what you feel, being as you are,  
wonderfully irreverent, irrelevant,  
inappropriate, spontaneous,  
topsy turvey, upside down,  
vulnerable, perceptive, aware,  
eager to communicate, willing to please.

Asking only for time to love and be loved  
to understand and be understood.

Polarising the community -  
for most, bringing out the very best  
for others, incomprehension, fear.....

You wrecked my career, challenged my sanity,  
opened my senses, restored my humanity.  
shattered my expectations.....

Like the Almighty you defy definition.  
Ultimately Our Eternal Mother and Father  
says to you, to Jesus, and to all,  
"My child, I never intended  
that this should ever happen to you !  
But welcome home !"

*John McLorinan*

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