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Helen Keller & Overcoming Obstacles

The Life of Helen Keller

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But I still had a voice, everybody knows me.

The name's Helen Keller.

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But was able to read and got a college degree.

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Last name Keller,

Born in 1880 Alabama,

I was healthy, chilling in my pampers.

Then, at two years old, a fever did damage.

I panicked, that fever left me changed,

When my mom spoke to me, I couldn't communicate.

I was blind and deaf, couldn't see or hear,

Throwing tantrums, wouldn't let anybody near.

Anne came from Boston just to be my teacher,

Life was frustrating, I didn't want to meet her.

But she helped me persevere,

Brought the world to me, though I couldn't see or hear.

Anne would spell words right into my hand,

At first, I couldn't understand.

But she taught me, like I was her daughter,

She brought me to the pump I learned my first word: water.

I learned by touch, you see,

Then I learned to write, and I learned to read.

People who can't see use braille to read,

The language for blind people just like me.

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And I was the first person ever

To graduate college who was deaf and blind,

Became an activist, I fought for people's rights.

Gave speeches, wrote essays and letters,

Couldn't see or hear, but was oh so clever.

Overcame obstacles, made me do better,

I wrote a book on my life, it became a bestseller.

Published in 50 languages,

Story of My Life tells it the way it is.

Traveled the world, met kings and queens,

Fighting for a better life for deaf and blind like me.

No matter what they say, you can be great,

I helped pave the way back in the day.

Couldn't hear or see, but was able to speak,

Had disabilities, made history.

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