

HAPPINESS IS...

Aunum Shaikh

Written in 1997, age 7

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- ... playing with your brothers and sister.
- ... to go to school.
- ... getting prizes if you lay still for radeasion.
- ... being at home.
- ... not being nutripenic.
- ... having visitors at the Hospital.
- ... to eat without mouth sores.
- ... to be able to run and play.
- ... cuddling with my mommy.
- ... to have hair again.
- ... finishing cemo.
- ... to not have cansur.

Aunum Shaikh (age 19) was seven-years-old when she was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma. She is a cancer survivor who will be attending college in early childhood education this fall. She hopes to become a teacher.

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Here I sit wondering what to expect next. My son more senior than most, and yet finds difficulty in describing the severity or actual location of the pain.

Trying not to put more stress on him I hide my tears until he's asleep and then cry as silently as possible. How it hurts to ~~not~~ be able to do nothing more than to hold him, to watch him clench his teeth ~~bar~~ baring the pain, Tylnol given but doesn't seem to work and nothing more for another four hours.

Finally he lays in bed, the pain subsides and my son is able to sleep. Maybe it will help to restore his energy level.

Deborah Winters is the proud mother of Jody Winters (age 18) who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Jody hopes to return to college once his chemotherapy treatments are complete. Deborah works in the field of operations support and enjoys cooking, crafts, fishing, swimming and spending time with her children and family.