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**QUANTINA BECK-JONES**

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**HONORING QUANTINA BECK-JONES**





**Stand Tall, pushing on  
Stand on your own two feet**



**Born in the Quad cities  
Loved time with my family**

# Family

SHARE

THE HARVEST



**Gardening with Grandma**



**Keeping my brother out of  
trouble, still had fun**

**College at 17**  
**Cold North new to me**



A child's drawing on white paper. A vibrant rainbow with distinct bands of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple arches across the middle. Several dark, textured clouds are scattered around the rainbow. Yellow, jagged lines representing lightning bolts are drawn in the background. A white, pill-shaped text box is centered over the rainbow.

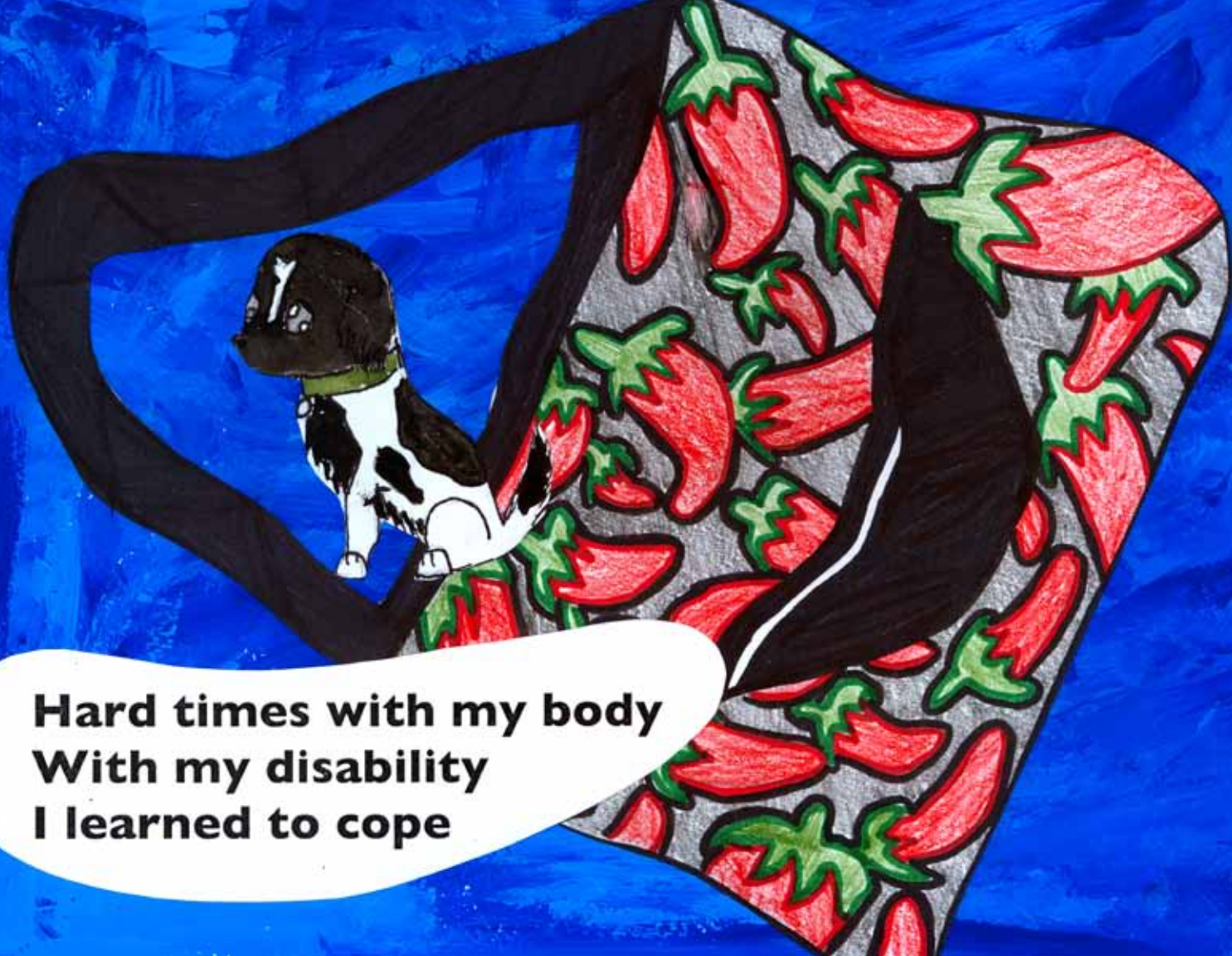
**Slowing down;  
What could it be?**

**Finally diagnosed  
Gained Hope**



A watercolor illustration featuring a vibrant rainbow with distinct bands of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The rainbow is positioned in the lower half of the frame. Above it, a grey, textured sky is depicted with dark grey clouds and a jagged yellow lightning bolt. Small blue specks are scattered throughout the sky area. A white, cloud-like speech bubble is located in the upper right quadrant, containing text.

**Had a name  
So my strength could grow.  
Like a Rainbow in a storm**



**Hard times with my body  
With my disability  
I learned to cope**



**Stand, just stand  
Stand tall, pushing on.  
Stand on your own two feet.**



# GIVE BACK



**Giving back with my abilities**



# Thankful

A child-like drawing featuring a large, multi-colored rainbow arching across the center. The colors are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The letter 'O' in the word 'Thankful' is replaced by a black boot with a tan interior. The background is a mix of dark grey and brown washes.

**Take nothing for granted.  
Like putting on your own  
two shoes.**



be Open


**Be open and welcoming.  
Listen to someone else's  
story.**

My grandmother told me,  
"You catch more flies with  
honey than with vinegar."



Don't Judge a Book by

its cover



**Not looking at myself as disabled.**

**There's more to a person than what you see on the outside.**

**Like a rainbow in a storm.  
Have hope, joy and love.**



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Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song is a program of Community Celebration of Place, a non-profit organization, which works with communities through music, performance, art and oral history to bring together children, elders, and people of different backgrounds-economic, faith, racial and cultural-in order to build intergenerational and multicultural opportunities for all schools and communities to prosper.

Dr. Tony Seeger, Curator Emeritus of Smithsonian Folkways, writes, *"When senior members of a community talk about their lives and work and children write songs with Larry Long about what they have learned from the elders, they create a remarkable celebration of humanity and hard work."*



To learn more about Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song:  
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