

DREAMIN'S FREE ESSAY *by* DEZIRAE LINCOLN

"What I Want To Be"

When we are younger we're always asked the same question.

What do you want to be when you get older?

Some will say a doctor, a lawyer, a veterinarian, or even an astronaut.

When I was younger all I wanted to be was a nurse just like my grandma Peanut.

I would visit her almost everyday because she worked right next to my school.

But as I got older and began the life of college

I learned that I couldn't do it

The work load was too large, and I was falling behind

Eventually it took me losing my financial aid to show it was not in my cards.

My parents helped me where they could and when they could

And then one summer I worked at a special needs camp

It is called camp optimist

Everyday I would see their smiling faces and knew I was making a difference for them,

Just by being me.

It gave me clarity

I didn't have to be a nurse just because I looked up at my grandma and wanted to be like her

I could be my own person, and I could be a special needs teacher.

I want to feel what I felt everyday when I worked those last two summers

I want someone to smile at me and tell me I am doing a good job.

I want to make a difference in the lives that many don't think will succeed in life

Just because they are different by looks, personality, and likes.

I want to be a special needs teacher, so I can help those in the world

Who just needs the extra help in the end.

Who want to be loved but just express it differently.

I want to make a difference one child at a time.