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### **She's a Poet...and She Knows It!!**

**Detroit, MI – June 2, 2011** - Tanishea Brown has loved writing ever since she can remember. "I've always loved poetry and I started writing seriously when I was in seventh grade. I write poems and short stories," said Brown.

Her biggest inspiration comes from Tupac Shakur, a troubled rapper who was murdered in 1996. Brown said, "He inspires me every day, even though he's gone. His words mean so much."

Brown is 24 years old, graduated from high school in 2004 in Connecticut and is supported by CLS. She dreams of being published someday.

CLS Personal Agent Laura Compton said, "Tanishea uses her experiences as a person with disabilities to express herself. She's very talented."



### **Smiling With You**

I can't hear you  
You want to talk to me  
I can't see you  
You are in front of me  
I can't feel you  
You are touching me  
You are looking at me and watching over me  
How am I doing?  
I know there were things hard for you to see  
I know you heard me say things I didn't mean  
I know that you are watching over me  
I am happy that you are  
Sometimes when I close my eyes I see you smile  
All you want to do is see me happy and smile  
Now I know when you smile, you smile with me.