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Unicorn Dares to Be Unique

Deep in the forest,
in a magical place,
lived a creature that shined,
with beauty and grace.

She looked like a horse
but her color was bright.
She had a horn on her head
and she sparkled with light.

Others would ask,
"What could she be?
A horse? A deer?
Maybe a donkey?"

The questions confused her,
"What do they mean?
Do I need to be like them?
Can't I just be me?"

Others told her
at the zoo she could find
examples of perfection
in animals of every kind.

So she went to the zoo,
and oh, how it shined!
It looked very pretty—
everything was in line.

Each animal posed
and the creatures snapped away.
She thought, "Is this perfection?
Where do I fit in and play?"

So many wanted to be something,
and each went to see
an idea of perfection
of what a creature "should" be.

Unicorn was quite flattered
when she heard a shout.
The zebras called her over
and wanted to hang out.

"You look kind of pretty,
but what is that thing?
We can help you cover it,
and let's add a nose ring."

She couldn't believe it!
She was in the "cool" crowd.
But something didn't feel right
and her heart spoke out loud.

"Why don't the zebras accept you
just as you are?
Your difference is beautiful,
you are a unique, shining star."

Unicorn took a deep breath.
The zebras had been a distraction
from the truth in her heart,
she had to take action.

So she did something brave
and decided to step out—
from the zoo and zebras,
from all her self doubt!

It's a hard thing to do,
to stand on your own,
to be strong and unique,
but you are never alone.

Repeat after me these words that are true,
to know in your heart you are a unicorn too!

I am true to myself.
I let my light shine.
I can be who I am.
That's for me to define.

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