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Specific Learning Disability

Specific learning difficulty
copy these words off the board
just repeat after me
specific learning difficulty

separate me from this learnt incompetence

specific leaning difficulty
no! don't do it like that it's your stupidity
that same word again wrong deliberately
specific learning difficulty

isolate me from all teacher indifference

specific leaning difficulty
no you're getting it wrong this is really insane
just write it again and again and again
specific learning difficulty

withdraw me from your rote religiousness

specific leaning difficulty
you're just wrong again can't you see what I'm saying
why do you sit there like that in your permanent daydream
specific learning difficulty

please celebrate my creative ability

as I see more than you will ever know
feeling times smooth surface arc and flow
touching with hands of remembered imagination
walking neural paths with memory visualisation
my specific learning difference.

—Jon Adams

Jon Adams is a contemporary artist, advocate and researcher. He makes a variety of work in many differing media often referencing his autism, synesthesia and dyslexia, all interwoven with history, science, time and his past experiences. He's shown in galleries such as Royal Academy, Tate Modern, and been commissioned by many arts and science organisations including projects for Parliament, London 2012 and on stage.