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## My Learning Circles

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In the centre am I; I draw circles around  
I place you at different loci and radii.

Social greetings, high fives for the outer circle  
hugs and stimming with the inner circle.

I understand social thinking with the inner  
I practice and get better with the outer.

My inner circle defines my coordinates and axes  
my outer circle tests my learning and skills.

I am autistic, a unique point, just like you  
I belong to the universal set of life.

—Archana Kadam

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