



## If I Had a Magic Lamp...



If I had a magic lamp, I would wish...

That nobody would stare at me,

Or look out of the corner of their eye at me and secretly point.

People wouldn't nudge each other or whisper about me as I passed,

Or move out of my way to avoid me in case they'd catch something.

That little kids wouldn't run away screaming and I could just play like an ordinary person.

I wish that people would choose to sit with me,

Instead of being forced to,

That they wouldn't need to switch seats or block me out with a bag.

I wish I didn't look like a prehistoric swamp thing,

Making a mess like a baby when I eat.

I wish I had a normal face,

That I could just blend in and not stand out.

That I could walk around confidently with my head held high,

Instead of facing the ground and mumbling.

I wish I wasn't ugly.

I wish I could change my face.

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