## Unearthing What Is Buried Within Me

I never fit in with the boys.

Never played with balls, dolls, or toys.

I never fit in with the girls.

As if both of the genders swirled.

Self-hatred, a need to atone A defect, I felt so alone I'm not a man, like I should be. So far from myself, I did flee.

Self-critical, not masculine, How will I deal with this burden, Unfit human, unfit for love No gender will fit like a glove.

Can't live like this, do what I can, What if, maybe I'm not a man In my own lane, now I can see, Being a 'man' just is not me.

No obstacles, free from it all, Something I realized just this fall. One with myself, hatred will leave Day by day, but now I can breathe.

I never gave myself a chance Self-love, never a second glance. I will always be who I am, I love myself, my name is Sam.