

The Lioness Roars

A tribute to the parents of children who have FAS/FASD

Lioness moms.

I see their love, their dedication,
compassion
creativity
resilience
humor and intelligence.

Lioness moms.

I hear the weariness, the worry,
the frustration, and the loneliness.
At times, battling sadness or guilt
is almost unbearable.

Who but a Lioness could get up
every day, knowing...and yet not
knowing, what the day will bring.

The Lioness doesn't ask for or get
a day off. Some days there is no
help and little to no understanding.
No "3 Cheers" for the successes
No appreciation for the effort.

But that is not why these Lionesses
get up every day.
They do it out of love for their "cubs,"
To help them find their way in
alien jungles where the rules
are not understood.

The Lioness fights for fairness
rejects the misjudgments of others
and works for a future
that includes her cubs, too.

So are these Lioness moms saints?
Maybe.
They certainly do, daily, what most
people would never take on.
Their passion
Their protectiveness
Their tenacity
remind me, again and again, of
Lionesses.

How fortunate are their cubs to
have them!

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Note: There are Lion dads, of course.
Anyone who helps a child is a Lion
or Lioness, themselves. Our
friends, our families, our teachers, etc.
are all part of the Pride.

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