

# My Care Leaver Status

I see my care leaver status  
As something not to be afraid of  
I see the stigma put upon us  
And yet it's still nothing I'm ashamed of

My experience and knowledge gained through that time I spent looked after  
Is something that I took, moulded and mastered

Of course I'm still mad, furious and tired of the system  
But yet I will never brand myself a victim  
As I and those around me struggle  
For we chose what we do with our lives - we pulled ourselves out of the rubble

I see other children looked after, and those who have aged out  
And with the strength each person holds, I feel so proud  
As we are presented with a broken service  
Yet still we all manage to prosper, and find purpose

