

I'm flying to a Conference

By Bee Harries

**Well, Blow me down,
I shall be in the sky,
They said that we'd get there the best possible way,
And this best way was truly to FLY.**

**What a treat, what fun,
I can hardly wait,
It's the end of next week,
Can't remember the date.**

**My name is Bee,
And my dog's name is Bertie,
We always come as a pair,
Here, there and Everywhere.**

**I'd like to take this time to share
With you, information about which I care,
That is helping out at training days,
In, oh so many different ways.**

**It helps to use visual performing arts,
To read a poem or make up a rhyme.
This is often how the training starts,
It may be today that we use a mime????**

**We are getting things ready, sorting ourselves out,
We'll soon be presenting, being out and about.**

**Attending this course,
Speaking at that,
Sharing with the students,
What we'd like them to know.**

**A light-hearted look,
Is better than reading a stuffy old book.
As the clocks keep turning,
We are always learning.**

**The tutors are often seen as knowing All,
Standing like they do in front of the hall.
Students are keen to learn more and more,
This is when I come in, through the open door.**

**Service Users, students and Tutors,
People coming from different places.
All three groups are learning new things,
We spent some time banging the drums!!!**

**Those in charge, those who assist and those who are learning new
skills,
Can join together as we did,
We went as a group to learn to play drums,
No one had done it before.**

**We loved every minute and no way could you tell,
Who was a learner, a trainer or teacher.
A jolly good time was had by all.**

**It was so good to know that we don't have a label
We were all "who we are" - enjoying ourselves.
Performing together and making a tune,
Drumming on our own, and we learnt very soon.....**

**It did not matter where you had come from,
Or what your role was outside when you were at home.
Equal is what we all felt that we were,
All new, all excited and all willing to come,**

**Again and again to be together, enjoy.
Helping each other sort out for ourselves,
Different ways to deliver and learn**

**We've written some verse,
And played the gamelan drums.
We are going to make a film.**

**And as we progress and go a bit further,
We will find other ways to try.
To share with students and tutors too,
HOW IT FEELS TO BE "JUST LIKE ME AND YOU.**

**We don't have a label - Diagnosed insane,
We are able to be helpful and contribute to the course,
This is something new, we are learning to do, and I am sure it's the
way to go.**

**We are going to keep on,
Giving in this dramatic way.
Let the service users speak to you,
Allow them to have their say.**