

"JJ," James Janis, or as he is known by his friends, JJ, grew up between the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and Rapid City in South Dakota. Born with cerebral palsy complicated with several other conditions, he was only expected to live for 12 hours, but 60 years later he is still here! Previously his work was published in a collection of poems: *Ashes and Chuckles* in 1981. Several of his poems have been featured in world premier productions by Flutter Productions. Writing is one of the things that sets JJ free from his disabilities and allows him to escape. In addition to writing, he has always been interested in the office of the President of the United States because his grandmother, Ellen Janis, worked on JFK's campaign to feed people. Following in her footsteps, he recently became one of the newest members of the A-Team Black Hills, which advocates for the rights of the disabled. In his spare time he leads an Elvis fan club. He can be found on Twitter and Facebook under JJ, James Janis, Writer.