

Boy In Space  
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This is Jay.

Jay loves outer space.

Jay loves the planets and the stars

the moon, and the sun.

Jay loves the night because he can see the stars shining  
bright.

Jay puts on his astronaut pajamas; he wears them every night.

Jay loves to look at the stars while he dozes off to sleep.

Jay gently closes his eyes and begins counting sheep.

Jay dreams of a spaceship where he can fly away.

That takes him to a place he loves and hopes one day to stay.

His eyes start to sparkle as he looks out at the stars.

He can see the Sun and Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars.

He visits every planet and tries to make some friends.

Someone who can give to him all the love he sends.

His friends back home sometimes don't understand

Jay may be different, but he's from the same land.

Jay talks to an alien, with little fear.

He uses his voice, which can be hard to hear.

The alien replies "Go to the moon."

Jay listens because he must leave soon.

Jay gets on his ship where he flies around.

He thinks it's weird not touching the ground.  
He gets to the moon and looks back at Earth.  
The planet that makes him question his worth.  
Earth is the place he's supposed to call home.  
But out here in space is where he feels less alone.  
The planets, the sun, the moon, and the stars can be lonely  
Sometimes.  
But just like Jay, they still shine, even when it's bright  
outside.  
Jay takes one last look and says "see you soon"  
he waves to the aliens before leaving the moon.  
Jay wakes up hearing birds and his mothers voice.  
He wanted to stay in space, but he had no choice.  
"Jay, I have a surprise for you" his mother cheers  
She gives him something he has wanted for years.  
His mother walks in "It's a real-life spaceship."  
"Let's go and take you on your very first space trip!"  
She wraps his wheelchair in its new gear.  
Jay can't help but smile from ear to ear.  
"A real spaceship, just for me" Jay thinks.  
He spins around while the light flashes and blinks.  
When nighttime comes he goes to bed with a grin on his  
face.

Jay cannot wait to show off his new ship in space.

His mother gives him a kiss and tucks him in nice and tight.

And says "my little spaceman, go to a place where you can finally fly. Goodnight."