This autism-thing: It's difficult and weird sometimes; there's no known cure. Treatment is controversial and tremendously expensive. It manifests itself in cognitive and social delays, strange behavior, and communication problems. But - it is not tragic and it is never ugly.

This album is a tribute to our boys: Dan's son, David (Asperger's Syndrome) and our son, Julian (Autism). It is a joy to love them. Nothing in this world compares to the embrace of a person with autism.

This is our third compilation to benefit kids on the autism spectrum: A COOL CAT IN A DOG'S WORLD 2003 and A HOT CAT IN A DOG'S WORLD 2004. Each album has been produced through the generous musical and artistic contributions from many local and national artists and underwritten by our faithful corporate sponsors.
HOPEFUL cat

Never give in to my will.
But believe in me as a fellow human being.
Take time for me, be kind to me,
Encrypt your compassion to me,
And we will both gain.
Your love will find your way to yours,
For together we will be challenged to confront life
With a strength of character
And determination of spirit.
You will find new meaning to your
World as I challenge you
To teach me it is worth entering.

Your mission will not be an easy one.
The rewards along the way will be small and few,
But together we shall walk hand in hand
Facing your world with delight.
Your life will be enriched because you
Have touched mine.
I promise you.

DAVID SCHEERINGA with sister: DANIELLE
WITH BROTHER: LELAND

JULIAN NELSON

SHE'S AS I WANTED HER TO BE

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music to benefit kids with autism

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