



Rosetta Stone (MALE-BODIED CHILDREN)

CHILDHOOD GENDER NON-CONFORMITY... FOR ADULTS

1	Child might say:	"I'm a boy outside, but a girl inside."
	Adult translation:	"My gender identity & physical anatomy don't match."
2	Child might say:	"People think I'm a boy, but I've always been a girl."
	Adult translation:	"I can't remember a time when I didn't have a female gender identity."
3	Child might say:	"Sometime I like boy things, but mostly girl things."
	Adult translation:	"I've always identified as female, but my interests aren't confined by gender stereotypes."
4	Child might say:	"I've always felt like a girl."
	Adult translation:	"My gender identity was never 'just a phase. Despite what others want to believe, I've always felt this way."
5	Child might say:	"I just feel like a girl. No one makes me do it."
	Adult translation:	"My gender identity was not forced on me or encouraged by my parents or anyone else. No one could have forced me to do something others so clearly disapprove of. Quite the opposite, it seems like some people want to force me to NOT be myself."
6	Child might say:	"I'm sad because I tell everyone I'm really a girl but nobody listens."
	Adult translation:	"My pleas, prayers and demands to be treated like a girl are ignored by most adults. I feel like I don't matter at all and that makes me depressed, stressed and very unhappy."
7	Child might say:	"I don't like boys or girls better. I just like friends who are nice to me."
	Adult translation:	"My gender identity has nothing to do with romantic attraction. I've known I was a girl long before I developed a sexual orientation."
8	Child might say:	"I just want to be treated like a girl and have a girl's name."
	Adult translation:	"If I could never have a female looking body or wear female clothing, I'd still know who I am. I want to be able to be who I am, not who other people want me to be."
9	Child might say:	"I don't want to look like a boy or look like my dad/daddy/father."
	Adult translation:	"I'm terrified of going through pubertal changes that don't correspond with my gender identity. I don't want to look like a man."
10	Child might say:	"I don't know if/why God wanted me to be a boy. I am a girl."
	Adult translation:	"Religious belief has nothing to do with my gender identity. If I happen to be a person of faith, then I must believe with all my heart that my Creator made me who I am."
11	Child might say:	"Doesn't what I want or feel matter at all?"
	Adult translation:	"I deserve to have my gender identity/expression respected and validated, regardless of my age."
12	Child might say:	"Some people think I'm crazy, but I'm not. I'm just a girl."
	Adult translation:	"I don't have a mental disorder. My gender identity is the result of the way I was born. There is nothing wrong with me."
13	Child might say:	"I'm most happy when I can be myself. I don't feel like a boy and no one can make me be happy being a boy."
	Adult translation:	"My quality of life is directly connected to my freedom to express my gender identity as I experience it. If I am denied that right, I believe my present and future happiness and self-esteem will be severely and most likely permanently damaged."
14	Child might say:	"I know [people] love me and want me to be happy. I'm happy when I get to be myself and other people say it's OK and they like me anyway."
	Adult translation:	"I realize that people love me, even if sometimes they don't accept me for who I am. I hope that someday they will be able to do that."