Pancake Face

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To all the children who feel like they aren’t enough …

We are all missing something. No one has everything.

Learning to cope with what you are missing in life will make you strong.

And then helping other people will make you enough.

Go for it.
Alice Peasbody lived in Victorian times. Her nickname was ‘Pancake Face’. She didn’t have a nose.
It might have been all right to have no nose, but people did point, and snigger, and look at Alice with horror.

Alice began to wear a hood and keep away from people.
One day Alice asked the doctor for a pretend nose.

The pretend nose was attached to a pair of glasses. The whole thing was very clever. The china nose rubbed on Alice’s flat face, but when it was on, Alice felt more normal, and so she wore it.
When Alice was 16, she went to work in an office in the city. Life was better. No one knew that Alice had no nose. She chose a desk in a dark corner and kept herself to herself.

The office block had a roof garden where birds came to sing. Only the birds knew Alice’s secret. When she was alone in the sun, she would take off her glasses. Of course, the nose came off too.