

Who Understands Having Braces for 7 years, but me?

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They introduced themselves in 2009, it dazzled like a new penny,
they presented questions I didn't have answers to, it left me in a daze,
they cemented themselves onto my teeth, it would not come off,
they consisted of metals and wires, it gave me agony,
they took away my candy in second grade, it had many restrictions,
they grasped onto food, it irritated me,
they required monthly appointments, it felt like a drag,
they departed from my sister in a year, it made me green with envy,
they intrigued my classmates, it gave them curiosity,
they made me want to stifle my smiles, it disguised my true emotions,
they interfered with photos, it upset me,
they gave me a lisp to deal with, it made me quieter,
they worked as slow as a snail, it tired me,
they have lingered for too long, and now it needs to go,
who understands when I say they are a part of me?
who understands when I say I'm going to miss them?

I may have been pained,
I may have had them for half of my life, however
I have ended with straight teeth, and I have learned to deal with braces, confidence, and
impatience,
I have dealt with many obstacles including jealousy of others removing their braces, I'm ready to
finally get them off,
in just a month I am removing a part of me that I have had for seven years,
It makes me feel ecstatic,
and I can have freedom once again,
they will no longer ruin pictures,
will no longer poke me with their wires,
and I will no longer have to wait for them to be taken away.
I have learned to keep smiling
as bright as the sun no matter what,
I learned to talk with a lisp,
which was difficult, but I got the hang of it,
it taught me that a smile is always beautiful,
and I learned to stop being super self-conscious,
and the thing that angered me, also made me a better person,
and I am so grateful for them,
who would've thought braces would change something other than teeth?
who understands when I say I'm going to miss them?

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