

I Have Decided

I've been thinking about this for over 3 years now

**I have finally decided I should get a cochlear implant.
I was always so scared of the surgery that needs to take place in order to hear better.
I have finally broke through my fears and decided to get the surgery.
I decided to get one in February, even though I'm still afraid. I'll still go for it.**

I've decided...

**I've decided...I'll do this for my friends.
I've decided that if I want to hear better,
listen and hear my friends' laughter and joy...
I've always wondered what it's like to understand exactly like them...**

I've decided...

**That if I wanted to hear news,
that if I wanted to listen to music,
that if I wanted to fit in better,
that if I wanted to listen to what my friends were saying.**

I've decided...

**One day in February, I will sit up in the hospital bed, and try the implant.
I will burst into tears and tell my parents: "I'm crying mom...I'm crying tears of joy!"
I've decided that my future will be much brighter...**

**...I've decided this...
will be the turn of my life.**

Boardwalk

**Wood planks lined up for miles,
Straight ahead, seems like there is no end.
Not a bend,
Nor a twist in sight.
Where will it take me?
What lies ahead
Beyond the planks,
Beyond the horizon,
Beyond the sky?**

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