Sympathy is a reaction- Empathy Leads to Action

Why should I care how you fare
when you use IT
that you can't see
As you look on in fear
at yet another video about to play that you can't hear

Why should I care how you fare
as your eyes glaze and your head you bend
at another email your brain can't immediately comprehend
they pulled out a lot of big words from the dictionary
forgetting to speak the language of those of us who are special in our ordinary

Why should I care how you fare
that you can't move a mouse like they say you might
and there's no keyboard option or voice command available to solve your plight

What I need from you is to pay attention and apply the rules of accessibility
that's the best and most important thing you can ever do for me
It's not even about a sense of misplaced sympathy
It's about using a bit of time, effort and some effective empathy
If you took a moment to walk in even one shoe
You'd realize what's needed is not that hard to do
So I'm able to showcase my greatness and work productively
and enjoy all that - just like you - while doing it independently

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