

Boy Genius: Louis Braille

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This is the blind boy who wanted to see.
His greatest desire was that he could read.
His tangible alphabet some thought absurd:
Louis used *code* to spell letters and words.

These are the pages that blind eyes can't see.
Fingers *decipher* raised dots tactually.
This system, called Braille, is still being used—
technology offers inventive new tools:

Braille *e-readers*, Braille *notetakers*,
printers that press Braille dots into paper.
Louis would certainly holler, "Hooray!"
if he knew Braille *apps* helped blind folks today!



He is the boy with the brilliant mind
who opened up books—*and the world*—to the blind.

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