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Stereotypes

I am a girl.

I may not be pretty,

I may not be skinny,

I may not have perfect skin.

I may not be as smart as you.

I may not be fast.

I don't complain about people,

I don't talk about people behind their backs.

I may not meet society's standard,

But I am still a girl.

Stereotypes are what make up society.

Girls are stereotyped.

Having to be thin,

Having to be pretty,

Having to wear makeup,

Having to not be athletic,

Having to be whiney,

And more,

Just to be a "girl."

People and races are stereotyped.

Stereotype- a widely held but fixed and oversimplified image,

Or idea of a particular type of person or thing.

In other words,

You are judged,

You are defined by somebody else's standards,

Society's standards.

All Asians are good at math,

All Irish people eat potatoes,

All Mexicans are workers,

All Americans are arrogant,

All Jews are greedy,

All Italians are lovers,

All French people are rude,

All Arabs and Muslims are terrorists.

Society influences people.

Influences people to think one thing of a person,

One thing of a race,

One thing of a gender.

But this,

This isn't true.

Girls don't have to look like supermodels,

Boys don't have to be muscular.

This is all society telling us to judge,

To think of,

To discriminate some people.

This is wrong.

People are free,

They deserve the right to not be judged,

To not be differentiated.

Everybody is just like you.

Next time,

Think before you judge someone,

Remember one thing:

They are equal to you,

Everybody deserves to be treated equally,

To not be put in a random category by a stranger,

A stranger that has no idea what they actually are like.

Look at someone,

Don't judge them,

Don't put them in one group they don't belong in,

Remember,

They are people too.