

JUST GIVE ME A TRY

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People judged me by my looks and how I talked,
they mocked my clothes and the way I walked.
They didn't see my strength, my hidden light,
in classes they feared, I did alright.
So now as you see me, don't judge so fast,
get to know my heart, let first impressions pass.
There's more to me than meets the eye,
I'm more than the surface—just give me a try.

Author's Note:

I hope this poem can be a powerful reminder to withhold judgment and seek genuine connections which allow us to recognize the worth and potential each person has. It's not just one type of person who can become something special; anyone can be a leader and help those around them, helping them to see themselves with this same paradigm: that looks do not define us.