

Don't Stereotype Me

Just because I'm black
I'm not stupid,
I'm not illiterate,
I'm not rowdy.

Just because I'm black
I don't live in the projects,
I'm not on welfare,
I don't do drugs,
And I don't sell them.

Just because I'm black
I'm not pregnant,
I don't have ten kids,
And I don't plan to have ten kids.

Just because I'm black,
It doesn't mean that you are better than me,
Smarter than me,
Prettier than me,
Or even as good as me.

Just because I'm black
Why should it matter anyway?
What is color?
What is life without color?

Just because I'm black.

--Jennifer D. Jones