

“DONT JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER” – Robyn Arrington-Epperson

" I am a mountain,
I am a tall tree
I am a swift wind
Sweeping the country
I am a river,
Down in the valley
I am a vision
And I can see clearly" - R.Kelly
I am black; I am proud
Nothing is wrong with the color or the tone of my skin
My powers have never fled
From the words I have spoken
I speak life; I speak freedom; power to the black people
From my heart that is where they stay
Secretly
No power; No peace
I see injustice come along way
Of world hunger
Blacks getting beat
Youth getting shot
Education at the wayside
Others are treated so wrongly
Unfairness, judgmental, discrimination, segregation
Give me that power to walk away
I can't let the white man take my place
I can't let anyone take my place
Everybody has a title, but do you know your name
You're an animal
You're a predator
You're a monster
Dumb black Negro
You're nothing
You're no one
You're a nobody
Future inmate

Ghetto rider
Jim Crow
You're not an animal
You're not a predator
You're not a monster
We are intelligent BLACK
Pharaohs
Kings & Queens
Princesses & Prince
We are somebody
We are not future inmates; we're the future
We are not ghetto riders
We are as professional as anyone else
We are not Jim Crows
We're scientists, lawyers, policemen, and teachers
The same blood runs through our veins
Until there is...
No more hate or prejudice
I will fight till the end
I am smart
I am meek
I am proud to be me
I am black and I am somebody
I have a voice that will be spoken
I will speak on unfairness, racism, segregation, discrimination,
There is nothing wrong with the color black so why judge us because of our colors
I refuse to be judged by the color of my skin, just like we can't judge a book by its cover.