

Clark

Do You Know Me Like That? – 6th Grade

Do you know me like your family?

Do you know me for who I am?

Or do you know me for what I do?

Maybe you know me for what goes on in my life:

I have been in foster care twice.

Taking care of my younger brother and sister.

In and out of other people's homes.

So you can't know me like family.

And you can't know me like my father.

He left me when I was a baby.

I haven't seen him since I was grown-up.

And probably won't for the rest of my life.

Do you know me like that?

Me and not Them – 6th Grade

My dad and I, we try to tell them, That this is who I am. I'm not my sisters or my cousins, But they never understand. I love my sisters and my cousins, But this is who I am.
They never compare my sisters or little cousins to me, But somehow they just don't get
That's not who I want to be.
Me is me, so I'm not them. But try to tell that to these people. They'll find something to
compare, And like I said...
They just don't understand that's not who I am.

Cunningham

One Day Will You Understand? - Anonymous

One day will you understand? That I see more than what you think I see! Girls in videos that allow men to call them hoers. One day will you understand? Me not knowing how my future will end up. Because a crack pipe is over there burning someone's lips up. One day will you understand? That crime rates and trial dates are my headlines. And that people label me because I look like my father who left me. One day will you understand? That I smell extinction in the gray and smoggy air. From the gun smoke, blunts, and sweaty parties. One day will you understand? That I try not to plan my day, Because there's a chance that I might not make it till Tuesday! One day will you understand? That I'm tired of hearing that "I have it good!"
While temptation is staring me in the face telling me what'll make me look good! One day will you understand? That just because I don't have bills, Does not mean that someone isn't asking me to buy pills! One day will you understand? Watching your every move, Because that one wrong move could get you jumped and ran out of school! One day will you understand? That our issues are far beyond not doing homework, And not keeping the room clean, right? One day will you understand? What what's really meant by calling this the easy life! Because I don't, that's why I titled this the way I did; In the hopes that one day, you will understand!

Me and you Alone in this World – 7th grade

I'm walking by myself I'm hearing nothing but me breathing suddenly I see a man with long brown hair I walked towards him and I see my features in his face I asked him, "What is his last name?" he immediately said, "Bejean" and I told him, "that's my last name too!" And I asked him, "is his name also Jean?" he said, "yes why?" And I said to him, softly, "You're my father!" and after I told him that he walked away just like he left me when I was a newborn. My last word to him was, "I love you" and I looked down sadly with black tears falling down my eyes.

"Bye Daddy."