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Eventually they'll learn
They'll know
It'll happen when they grow
And say goodbye and go away from here
That is when they'll realize
That we're the ones who will go far
Do something with our lives
While they're working 24/7 in some ugly-ass bar
The losers and loners, geeks, freaks and nerds, the
Shakespeare-loving social outcasts and everyone else
who isn't perfect "cool"
The ones who aren't stuck in the conforming normality
The ones they all call show-offs and strange
The ones at the bottom of the 'social line'
Now they think they're having fun
The party-going, always makeup-wearing and not caring
'bout anyone else people who think they rule the world,
are over and beyond the rest of us
They think our friends are dumb
And non-existent too
Think we wanna be like them
But that is far from the true
Looking back on them historians will say
That they were the weirdos and freaks of today
Labeled and put away they'll be
As the failures of the late 20th, early 21st century
They try to make us feel so low
"You think I'm scared of you?"
Well you should be, 'cause I'm not afraid of you
You can try and try to push me
But I will stay my ground
I won't be influenced by anyone
I am me
Opinionated and unknown to almost all
So friendly, yet distantly not seen
I float quiet within the crowd
Seemingly loud
My decoy of the day
But I am my own person
My own best friend
And I will stay
And never float away
Never die
Sometimes cry
Forever I will be
Absolute eternity
Because I am me.

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