

Baby, it's all good! - A modern hijab poem

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What do you see when you look at me
 Do you see someone limited, or someone free
 All some people can do is just look and stare²
 Simply because they can't see my hair
 Others think I am controlled and uneducated
 They think that I am limited and un-liberated
 They are so thankful that they are not me
 Because they would like to remain 'free'

Well free isn't exactly the word I would've used
 Describing women who are cheated³ on and abused⁴
 They think that I do not have opinions or voice
 They think that being hooded⁵ isn't my choice
 They think that the hood⁶ makes me look caged
 That my husband or dad are totally outraged⁷
 All they can do is look at me in fear
 And in my eye there is a tear

Not because I have been stared at or made fun of
 But because people are ignoring the One up above
 On the day of judgment they will be the fools
 Because they were too ashamed to play by their own rules
 Maybe the guys won't think I am a cutie⁸
 But at least I am filled with more inner beauty
 See I have declined⁹ from being a guy's toy
 Because I won't let myself be controlled by a boy

Real men are able to appreciate¹⁰ my mind
 And aren't busy looking at my behind
 Hooded girls are the ones really helping the Muslim cause
 The role that we play definitely deserves¹¹ applause
 I will be recognized because I am smart¹² and bright¹³
 And because some people are inspired by my sight
 The smart ones are attracted by my tranquility
 In the back of their mind they wish they were me

We have the strength to do what we think is right
Even if it means putting up a life long fight
You see we are not controlled by a mini skirt and tight¹⁴ shirt
We are given only respect, and never treated like dirt
So you see, we are the ones that are free and liberated
We are not the ones that are sexually terrorized and violated
We are the ones that are free and pure
We're free of STD's¹⁵ that have no cure¹⁶

So when people ask you how you feel about the hood
Just sum it up by saying, 'Baby its all good'

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1 www.islamfortoday.com/hijab_poem.htm

2 to stare: starren, glotzen

3 to be cheated on: von jemandem betrogen werden

4 to be abused: von jemandem missbraucht werden

5 hooded: verschleiert, verummt

6 hood: Kapuze, hier: Bedeckung

7 to be outraged: empört sein

8 cutie: „Sahneschnitte“

9 to decline: ablehnen

10 to appreciate: wertschätzen

11 to deserve: verdienen

12 smart: clever

13 bright: gescheit, leuchtend

14 tight: eng

15 Sexually transmitted diseases: sexuell übertragbare Krankheiten

16 cure: Heilmittel, Heilung