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I am who I am
Who decided to consider people a label?
They call them rich.
They call them poor.
They see the rich as white.
They see the poor as brown and black
But who are they to judge
someone they have never met?

Yo soy quien yo soy
a pesar de mi color de piel
o lo que ellos piensen de mí.

Growing up as a Mexican/American girl
had its ups and downs.
I often got judged
everywhere I went
for the way I looked.

Estando en México
no me siento suficientemente mexicana,
pero aquí no me siento suficientemente americana.
No hablo bien el español estando en México,
pero tampoco hablo bien el inglés estando aquí.

I am who I am despite my color
and
your judgments.