

“Just Because” Template

Poetry deals with the emotions, just as with music. An autobiographical poem is personal; it reveals something about the person writing the poem. **It does not have to rhyme.** Below is a simple plan to write your own autobiographical poem. Just follow the steps and, before you know it, it's done!

Explore a stereotype...	EXAMPLES:
Just because I'm....	Just because I'm Indian,
Doesn't mean...	Doesn't mean I work at seven-eleven,
Doesn't mean...	Doesn't mean I have an accent,
And doesn't mean...	And doesn't mean I wear a dot on my forehead.
Just because...	Just because I'm Indian,
Doesn't mean...	Doesn't mean I'm poor,
Doesn't mean...	Doesn't mean there are cows roaming down my street,
And...	And beggars in front of my door.
Just because	Just because I'm Indian,
Doesn't mean...	Doesn't mean I'm unsanitary,
Doesn't mean...	Doesn't mean I'm anorexic,
And...	And looking for a cure.
Just because	Just because I'm Indian,
Doesn't mean...	Why should anyone care?
Doesn't mean...	What is the difference?
And...	What is life without variety?
Just because...	Just because I'm Indian.
(question)	
(question)	
(question)	
(Statement)	

	<p>people think</p> <p>Doesn't mean I decide my actions based on that</p> <p>Doesn't mean I don't have confidence</p> <p>And certainly shouldn't be held against me</p> <p>Just because I am nice to my parents</p> <p>Why should people think I'm not normal?</p> <p>Who says a teenager has to be troubled?</p> <p>When do I get to be me?</p> <p>I am a teen unexpected.</p>
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