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## The T - Shirt That Knew Me!

*Gender*, *dress*, and *society* are three key terms that reveal a lot about a person's existence. I am a young woman who appears to be *conservative* in society, and I maintain a *modest appearance* as a result of this *reserved* way of life. Being *reserved* and *modest* stems from a knowledge of how my *thick* body and *wide* hips might startle the opposite sex in my path, causing them to have a negative thought or inspire them to hurt me, or so society claims; in any case, I've never sought that kind of attention. From the age of eight to nineteen, I developed the ability to be *curiously unique* and *hopeful*.I was a risk taker at the age of eight because I always wanted to know how what I said, what I wore, and what I did affected others, especially when I was younger in elementary school; I had always pondered who I appeared to be in people's eyes during that time. I wouldn't be surviving and smiling if I didn't have hope.

I have been *misunderstood* a lot in my life, I have also wondered if that is because of how *radiantly confident* I appear to be starting from how I dress and think of life, this has been a positive and negative thing. I love dressing elegantly and some people think it's because I have a mothering nature and others think I have classic *taste* in clothing, I believe in life right is right and wrong is wrong and people look at me and say life is not that simple for me to just put it like that. I am a *rational* thinker, speaker and advisor. Most of the time that's who I am, maybe twice a year someone will catch me speaking or behaving based on emotions. I believe when someone is rational it's easier to become straightforward and that keeps one from being dishonest. Growing up and experiencing life in different ages made me wise, and it also showed me that my *identity* is not one word, one sentence, one phrase or one moment, my identity is an ongoing life experience.



