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Crooked Smile

All women tend to hide behind masks of makeup or do things that they usually don't do to receive attention. To me, the song Crooked Smile by J. Cole, explains how no one is perfect and how women don't need to hide their insecurities. I chose this song because I believe that what J. Cole says is true. I agree that everyone has their own insecurities but that does not mean that you should hide your true self. Everyone is born differently and each person should accept how they look instead of being someone they aren't.

In J. Cole's first verse, he relates by saying how he isn't perfect but doesn't change his appearance so everyone knows that he is himself. He states, "We ain't picture perfect, but we worth the picture still." We're not perfect, but we should accept what we're worth. As human beings, our differences should be put aside and accept how we are. Another line being, "You wake up, put makeup on, stare in the mirror but it's clear that you can't face what's wrong; no need to fix what God already put his paintbrush on." Women tend to put on makeup and put on another face on top of their naturally born appearances. J. Cole explains how you don't need to change the way you look to impress anyone. God made you how you were and there's no need to become someone you're not.

In another verse, J. Cole gives examples of how women tend to think badly of themselves because of other people. One of his lines being, “You keep falling victim cause you’re insecure and when I tell you that you’re beautiful you can’t be sure. Cause he don’t seem to want you back and it’s got you asking. So all you see is what you lacking, not what you’re packing.” In this situation, after a breakup or some sort, most women will think that they’re the reason why it happened in the first place. They tend to see the negative side of them and not focus on who they are as an individual. In his last verse, he points out, “We don't look nothin' like the people on the screen. You know the movie stars, picture perfect beauty queens, but we got dreams and we got the right to chase 'em.” Society has promoted these “perfect” looking celebrities and women to the point where we want to be just as perfect. We might not be just as rich, good looking, or pretty as those we see on TV or movies, but we still have dreams of becoming just as close to our own vision of “success”. Just being yourself should be satisfying enough so why bother being something that’s not you.

Women cover up their uncertainties and fish for compliments to feel better about themselves. Not everyone is perfect so you don’t have to change, thinking that you’re better than anyone else. The community has driven females to believe that they’re not worth as much as other women. Being true to yourself is all worth while so why should you care about how you look like to the public?