## Who Am I?

I've been through a lot in my life and I'm only eighteen-years-old. I never knew that I would overcome the problems that I had with my parents but I did. I think that's why I'm a strong person. The things that I experienced made me scared and I wanted to hide, but I didn't. However, I always find myself asking "why is my life this way?"

At a young age, getting taken away from my parents was hard because I didn't know anybody. All I knew was my parents. The fact that my parents did not fight to get me back played a large role in my development. I had to grow up seeing and learning things that I wasn't supposed to know at such a young age. I used to say "I hate my parents for not getting me back!" I used to think that no one cared.

I never really made any friends because I was mad all of the time and I would always take my anger out on other people. I knew it was wrong. In junior high school, I made friends because of my talent. I love to sing. Singing makes me forget about all of my problems and it makes me euphoric. Whenever I had a show, I would tell my father to come see me sing. He never paid me any mind. To him, it was always "school, school, school," I learned to ignore him and to pursue my goals.

My boyfriend has a big impact on my life. He's always there for me when I need him. He keeps me strong and he always tells me "you can do it!" There were times that I used to cry and tell him that I wanted to drop out of school. He would say to me "Stay in school. Dropping out is not for you." I learned to be strong from him. That's why I am the person I am today. He makes me forget my problems and tells me that I'll have a lot

in life if I keep my head up and stay focused. "Leave the past in the past or you will never grow" he says.

I went through difficult situations in my life and I learned to overcome them. It's not always easy and it takes time. Through my life experiences, I learned how to handle my anger when it comes to other people. I'll always hold my head up high and persevere.