

UVic Diversity Writing Contest 2010, Poetry Winner

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Distinguish My Soul

No two spots that are the same
No great divisions despite our names
These census and opinion polls
Do little to distinguish souls

This colour of skin many have worn
This red stained beard many faces adorn
And with few small facts you think you know
Of whom I am and where I'll go

But I could tell you so much more
Of values and views you can't ignore
Of thoughts and dreams you can't assess
And a thousand things you'd never guess

And there would be no doubt of who I am
Of how very different I have become
From anyone you'll ever see
From anyone who'll ever be