

There is more to me

There is more to me than athleticism
and style;
Yes, I can be world caliber and run the
mile;
Go for the distance or become a
sprinter,
Dominate the sports in which I enter,
That may be peripheral, it may not be
my center,
I am an artist.
I am a scientist.
I am an inventor.

Yes, I can own the runway.
I can move from prance to stalk
In pulsating rhythms, I can dance.
I can walk until you
Notice me, but recognize,
There is more to my image
Then you might surmise.
I am a scholar
With the intellect to analyze.

I am a physician, a painter, a politician,
Philanthropist, electrician and
mathematician;
With collar white or collar blue,
I am multifaceted and versatile too.
I harbor shallow and enlightening
thought.
I am a civil servant, soldier and
astronaut,
A writer, a judge with a law degree,
A teacher, land baron and franchisee.

From a lineage of great thinkers and
achievers,
Triumphs of the human spirit are in my
genes.
I have heroes, mentors and believers.
I have the extremes and people in
between.
I have kings in my background

And a legacy of queens.

There is more to me than bulging
sinews;
Than entertainment, sports and news.
Do not restrict me to a certain venue.
I have perspectives and conversations
Of the deepest sort.
Expose me to a level playing field
And I will be a force,
That will change your views.

Discard the box,
Because it is confining.
I have a spirit,
A silver lining
That defies the hype
And stereotypes.
Discard the fiction
Deny the lie;
Give me the opportunity to try
To dispel the contradictions,
For I must be allowed to fly.

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