



Avril Lavigne: Sk8er Boi

The Song

A song that I'm quite into at the moment is Avril Lavigne's 'Sk8ter Boy', which got loads of airplay and tv coverage over the Christmas holidays.

It's basically a song about the 'ugly duckling', with the punk skater being overlooked by this girl, who can't get past the fact that he dresses really baggy and not like her friends! Five years later, she sees him on tv, and he's become really famous, with a 'real' girlfriend (Avril herself!), who can see past the whole image thing... Perhaps the most striking phrase in the whole song is when Avril's singing to the girl:

*'Too bad that you couldn't see /
See the man that boy could be. /
There is more than meets the
eye / I see the soul that is
inside.'*

All in all, it's a really great song about how we shouldn't look too much to peoples' image to define who they are... At the same time, we shouldn't worry too much about how we look or dress - it's what's inside that counts!

The Perspective

As Christians, we believe that who we are is not defined by what we look like, but who Jesus is IN us! We should also ask for the Holy Spirit to help us to look past other people's appearances,

like Jesus did with all those 'ugly' people he spent time with!

Reflection

Try reading some of the following passages from the Bible to find out what God thinks about appearances: Genesis 1:31; 1 Samuel 16:7; James 2:1-4; 1 John 4:7-11

Prayer

Dear Lord, please keep stirring the Holy Spirit in me, so that I can love others without looking at their appearances. Thank you that you love me no matter what, and sent Jesus because of this love! Amen.

