

## Yeng, Age 22

When I was a child I was from OSHKOSH BGOSH clothing.  
From four leaf clovers, green, lucky and hard to find.

When I was a child I was from thinking monkeys were funny  
and clowns were scary.

When I was a child I was from, math, graveyards and Bambi.  
I was sensitive, objective, responsible, an adult and on my own.

When I was a child I was from Vicki teaching me no one loves yourself  
more than yourself besides GOD.

Now I am a woman and I am about writing, singing and parenting. I am sweet,  
compassionate and understanding, but I am also manipulative, isolated, and strong.

Now I am a woman and I am alone, a parent, a person, and a helping hand. I am  
about  
thinking monkeys are funny and man as scary.

Now I am a woman and I am about vegetables, healthy, fresh and crunchy.  
I am about my mom's picture, gone, love and happiness.

Now I am a woman and I'm about really wanting to be a district attorney  
and never wanting to get myself in the same situation again.  
I am about myself, and learning more about my feelings.

Now I am a woman and I like the color blue, cooking and getting help.

When I grow up I want to be a District Attorney.  
I want to be efficient, successful and a good parent.

When I grow up I want to be like my mom, caring, loving and respected.  
I want to travel, see my dad, and climb a mountain  
because those are dreams I want to fulfill.

When I grow up I want to visit my birthplace and to learn about my Hmong heritage.

Ten years from now I want to be happy, living in a big house by the water and be married.