

## **I'm Not Dumb**

*I'm Not Dumb is a teen monologue about feeling inadequate. Tabitha talks to her guidance counselor about feeling less intelligent than the other kids.*

**TABITHA:** I try my hardest in school but I am always just passing by the skin of my teeth. I feel like I am dumber than the other kids. I don't know why I am not smart like they are. I study when I go home, I put in the time...sometimes I even stay after school for the extra help. And I always do extra credit. Why am I not smart enough, Mrs. Gardner? I want to have a good future. I know I am young, but what I do now will mean something later in my life, I just know it. My parents, they are immigrants who came over to this country and I want to make them proud. They deserve it. But how can I make them proud when I'm stupid, when all I'm doing is barely passing? There's nothing special about that, is there?