

I Am....

I Am stronger than before.

I wonder what my life will be if I had a mom and dad.

I hear many lies but never the truths from too many people.

I see the pain in my heart and face when I look in the mirror.

I want to feel loved the way a child should be loved.

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I pretend that I'm perfectly fine by smiling and never speaking.

I feel miserable and lonely when I'm around other families.

I touch my siblings and let them know everything will be okay.

I worry that my past will never seem to go away.

I cry out my anger and try to start new again.

I Am stronger than before.

I understand life and appreciate my existing on earth this day.

I say "You can do it" everyday to myself

ignoring people trying to bring me down.

I dream my kids will have a better life than me,

To be who I want to be, and never let **NO ONE STOP ME.**

I try to realize and analyze my goals for life,

So my future can be good and happy.

I Am stronger than before.

-Alyssa N. Ross