

## **Daphne Guinness**

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They call her eccentric,  
Why might that be?  
Is it because of the texture of her clothing?  
Is it because of the abundance of her rings-Spread across every finger,  
protecting the bearer so she won't bleed?

People do not see how shy she really is.  
It is only after the armor is removed,  
that we see the real image of this fragile being.

Why is it they call her eccentric?  
Who defined eccentricity?  
Why is it we must judge in such hurtful manners?  
Why is it she dresses like this?  
"Well," she will simply answer.  
"It is you who has transformed me.  
I'm the result of your rejection.  
How beautiful don't you think?  
Reject me more and more, please.  
For I will keep flourishing like the pink flowers of that eccentric cherry tree."