

# Final Judge

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Talent shows have judges  
who measure the gifts of the contestants  
and proclaim who is the best  
based on their performance.

We all have gifts given to us  
by parents, friends, loved ones, and other teachers,  
each of us also being a teacher or gift-giver of sorts  
for others and ourselves.

When I judge myself  
may I be merciful, wise, and accurate  
taking into account  
how I became me.

So, now and in the end  
may I be the true me  
and not a me conjured in my imagination  
or a me who became me  
by comparing myself to other mes  
for in the final analysis  
it is all a gift.

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