

A Look into the Closet

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Look into your closet.

Come on, I dare you.

Good job. Now, what do you see?

Clothes? Fashion statements? A way to boost your popularity?

I see the toil of children around the world.

Straight from the laundry ~ so it's clean, right?

Wrong. They are filthy with the fingerprints of the youth who made them.

Pick out your favorites.

Good. Now you're ready to go.

Uh oh ~ your tag is sticking out.

I see you're tucking it inside or cutting it off.

I am reading it. 'Made in . . .'

Now you're off to school.

Oh, you don't want to go?

If only the children who lived and died to unknowingly serve you had had your opportunities.

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