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I'm on the outside looking in,
A mere spectator.
Like watching life through a television screen,
I am on the periphery.

Not cool or rich or popular,
Not welcome in the crowd,
Just watching from the corner,
Observing from the periphery.

I know all about them.
I watch their every move,
But they don't even know me
Because I am on the periphery.

I want all of them to notice,
I want all of them to care.
I want to make new friends,
To move away from the periphery.

Then I suddenly realize,
Being "cool" is in the eye of the beholder.
Just because my friends are not popular,
Does not place me on the periphery.

But if that's what they call it,
When you're not expected to impress others,
When you're not expected to dress the best,
Then I guess I *am* on the periphery.

I don't have to put on a show
To get people to like me.
So I guess life's not so bad
On the periphery.