

# Ruby Showed the Way

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Ruby Bright was only six,  
People tried to hit her with sticks,  
Hateful words at her throat  
Hate to all with her skin tone.

She went to school on her own,  
The kids all left, she was alone,  
She wants to learn everything in life  
But she goes to school with strife.

Ruby was brave and learned at school  
With just one teacher who was cool,  
Her teacher smiles but Ruby sees  
Her fear and uncertainty.

Ruby does her best to stand tall  
And not let fear make her fall,  
Ignoring hate coming from the crowd  
Ruby makes her country proud.

In fear and ignorance people stayed  
Until Ruby showed the way,  
Be respectful and do what right  
And then peace will be in sight.

