They Don't Know Henry

The Baseball Project

As a boy in Mobile
I'd go down to Three Mile Creek
Spend my time alone
All day to fish and thinkAnd when I took the field
It wasn't to make friends
With a bat in my hands

Me alone against themAnd I already knew I could be the best of allThey called me Snowshoes

They called me Steppin Fetchit
Called me a shuffler

Not the sharpest tool in the shed

With our lockers in the back

Corner of the clubhouse

Those Florida Springs

They locked us even further outBut I already knew I could be the best of allAll those hits and home runs

They said that they were Hank's

But I won't regret a one

In fact I give thanksAnd I'm not their boy

And I don't need defending

'Cause they don't know me, no

They don't know HenryThey don't know me, no

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Please don't ever ask me

About Barry Bonds again

Why say over and over

What I didn't want to say then And don't ask me again

About Willie or the Babe

It was Jackie and Musial if anyone

That I hoped to emulateBut most of all

I always tried to be me

And let that color

How they chose to see me'Cause I already knew I could be the best of allAll those hits and home runs

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