

Vini the Wondrous Genie

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There once was a wondrous genie
who everyone called Vini.
He was feared, he was sneered
because of his ugly beard.
His huge brown horns,
which looked like poisonous thorns,
brought up people's scorn.
His turquoise skin
made people spin and grin.
Blue smoke would puff around him
after a hard day at the gym.
But in reality, Vini was kind
and also had an open mind.
Never judge someone by their looks,
just as they always say in the books.

