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# *Made of Things That Aren't Mine*

By Hadley Adkison

There is nothing of me  
That is solely me  
Each crinkle of my eye  
And knowledge of each bird  
Comes from my family  
I harbor in me  
Their hopes, dreams, and desires  
Made up of their love and obsessions  
My laugh belongs to my mother  
And my sneeze to my grandfather  
I was imbued with my aunt's love for books  
And my uncle's infinite thirst for knowledge  
I speak to every person I meet  
Like my father before me  
I am a collection of other people's parts  
I was shaped by many people  
Like my unwillingness to back down from a fight  
Taught to me by a woman  
Who wandered into my life  
My thoughts are at home in other's minds  
My toothy smile is mirrored on my Mimi's face  
And each eyeliner wing was hard won  
By watching my sister's skilled hands  
I am not my own  
But I was shaped by the people I love