

## Nature vs Nurture

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A blue fairy with latex gloves  
waves her magic wand over your body  
and grants you your wishes.  
As you drift into a dream, you forget  
the teasing, the names, the hot and loud tears,  
the braces, the glasses, the bad hair day,  
the number on the scale, the clothes, your waist.  
You leave that all behind, and wake up, reborn  
into something new, something lost yet gained.  
You find a mirror and see your new body.  
It is stunning, beautiful, the work of a model.  
You stare at this stranger, and try to find yourself.

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