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They called her Mitzi
But by birth she was
Mildred
So patient
To let me play shoestore
With Gucci apparel
And beauty parlor
With silver brushes.
She had "Fred Flinstone" dishes
For Oscar Meyer lunches
Or sloppy Joes,
And funny straws
For iced tea with backyard mint.
She was a perfect Jewish gram,
Always looking
For my Prince Charming.
Together
We used to jump rope
And play games
One on one: Hearts and Jacks
In the evenings
We'd walk to dairy queen
And Gram would get me a double dip
With assorted Jimmys.

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