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My Mother is a Bee

My Mother Insists I Grow Up

You dress like a teenager.

Your condo is a disaster.

Grow up to be a woman
not a horse.

Siamese Twins

My mother and I are
joined at the hip.

I can't go shopping
without her.

A Platoon

My mother defends me
from my father.

She and I gang up on him.
We are a platoon.

My Mother is a Bee

My mother gets drunk
like a bumblebee on nectar.

When she gets ripped,
she falls off the bed.

My Mother Loves Me Best

I wish she didn't.
It is too big a burden.

I can't carry her sadness.
It must weigh a ton.

When She Dies

My mother is like a bird
feeding her babies from the nest.

When she dies,
I fall out and fly.

My Sister is Like a Venus Fly Trap

My Sister Plays with Me

We play with paper dolls.
I am the boy; she is the girl.

When she is seven
she won't play with me anymore.

She Bites with Venom

My sister is jealous
that my mother loves me more.

She wants
to get rid of me.

My Sister is Beautiful

like a Venus Fly Trap.
Boys are attracted to her.

She has lots of friends.
She fits in like a chameleon.

I Am Envious

At nineteen she marries.
I want to be her.

Her husband treats her like shit.
I have a crush on him.

My Sister Calls Me Names

My sister says I'm a liar.
And a brat.

She doesn't want a sister.
She wants a mama bear.

My Sister Believes

our mother never loved her.
When our mom dies

she cries
more for herself than anyone.