

## **Look-Alike Body Parts**

by Hazel Edwards

At family get-togethers, THEY always say,

‘Haven’t you grown!’

Then the vintage relatives ask,

‘What are you going to do when you leave school?’

I shrug.

‘You look just like...’

I shake my head,

‘You’ve got your father’s nose.’

‘You’ve got your mother’s eyes.’

‘You’ve got your grandfather’s hair.’

I shake my head. (Pa is bald!)

‘You’ve got your aunt’s colouring.’

‘And your uncle’s sense of humour.’

I shake my head.

I picture Dad with no nose.

Or Mum with no eyes.

Is there a Recycling Depot somewhere.

For Rent-a Relative’s body parts?

A sort of Genes Factory?

Luckily, I’m adopted.

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