

Gift in Disguise

It was a difficult time
Encased in each day
Laid out like tiles we all
Wished patterned another way

Then the you tile was put down
And the click was the only sound
Until the anger came, and the grief
Harsh words and gritted teeth

How could we know, though
That when you arrived
It would shake our world
Just because you were alive

You were our enlightenment
About love, to our surprise
A way to change, and show it
Our gift in disguise

You are my monkey,
Our Orb of Joy
Names that only get
A tiny piece
Of what you really are

I'd forgotten it
That weight of sleep
Draped on my chest like a bandage
Eyes closed and breath deep

Your mom did the same
But the years were taking
That connection with them
Distance and discord in the making

You helped us heal, my monkey
Without even trying to
Another gift given to me
Before you do what you want to

Full speed, and fearless
No longer the little girl
You'll hurl yourself
head-long at world

You'll know your mind
And I pray you'll find
Some of your own
Gifts in disguise

I may not be here then
But you've already shown me
How something granted might matter
And what it can really be

I'm no longer surprised
By a gift in disguise

I love you, Aurie.
My gift in disguise