

Untitled

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1 my sister and i do not look alike 2 her skin is fair her hair is straight 3 i am the darkest in my family 4
grandmother mentions how brown i am every time she sees me 5 my mom likes to joke that when i was born she
thought she was given the wrong baby 6 home is a word that does not fall off my tongue easily 7 i don't believe in
fate but sometimes i think conflict is the consequence of my breeding

MIXED -- /mikst/

1. (a state of being)

more than and never enough.

2. (especially of the second-generation)

an iteration;

a dilution

8 if half of something is not whole, what do
you call half of two things made up by
fourths?

9 i'm still figuring out how to best arrange
my pieces

10 nowhere is a place for people born
without navel strings

11 i wonder what i'll look like when i am
my ((great)grand)mother's age

12 i find myself increasingly weary beneath
the weight of my name

13 the simultaneity of both and neither is
painful dimensionally