



You Can't Choose Your Parents

**You can't choose your parents, although sometimes you'd prefer,
they were just a little taller, or were cooler than they were,
but as we journey older
the resemblances are bolder
and we find their limitations reoccur.**

**Our lives are all in front of us, we seem to be autonomous,
we're following the path that we select,
but the early onset baldness, and physique that's far from flawless,
are the signs that all the pathways reconnect.**

**You can't choose your parents, although sometimes you would like,
they were sporty and athletic and looked better on a bike,
but we find that in reality
our prowess is imaginary
eventually we all revert to type.**

**As our confidence increases, we construct our life in pieces,
and brick by brick we build it from the ground,
but bouts of high anxiety, and spells of insobriety,
expose that our foundation isn't sound.**

**You can't choose your parents, although sometimes you would rather,
have a less-indulgent mother, or a less-reluctant father,
but we find when we have children
the relationships we're buildin'
are elusive and are always getting harder.**

**We relish in our freedom, as we soar above the kingdom,
and we prime ourselves to reach our greatest feat,
but the onset of myopia, and sudden acrophobia,
reveal that there's a chain around our feet.**

**You can't choose your parents, although sometimes you'd desire,
they were leaders or achievers or were something to inspire,
but despite our brave intentions
we are never in contention
for we do not seem to have what we require.**

**We find the ride exciting and the scenery enticing
on the roller coaster ride that we are cruisin',
but our handwriting - chaotic, and our tendencies - psychotic,
reinforce that all our choices are illusion.**

**You can't choose your parents although maybe it's a blessing,
if we didn't have parameters it might be very stressing,
so accept you own inheritance
and profit from your parentage
at least we're not like orphans - simply guessing!**

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