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## *THE DISLIKED DAUGHTER*

Dad left her alone without recognition  
To play with her stiff doll.  
The doll that couldn't eat or wet its pants  
Spoke to her with piercing eyes.  
Neither had a heart, or were alive.  
Each saw through eyes of indifference,  
Eyes that wanted to be acknowledged  
Loved and embraced.  
Eyes that were hidden by his newspaper  
Unfolded in the air.  
Eyes that were invisible behind the television,  
Or peeking from behind the alligator skin briefcase.  
Someday, she said,  
He will see my eyes in color.

*by Chandra Vostral*