

“Sisters by Chance, Best Friends by Choice”

Growing up we were as different as oil and water,

But I’ve learned blood is the thickest.

You would convince Mom or Dad you were too ill to go to school

While I would chase the bus across town to get there on time.

You preferred cats,

I insisted on having a dog in the house.

You wore pink bows in your hair

While I wore bright blue sneakers.

You were the prom queen

While I was the princess.

However, today you let the spotlight shine on me -

Something you never wanted to happen, but I know you’re proud.

You were the one who tied my shoelaces to make sure I wouldn’t fall,

And I thank you for slipping my big girl heels on for me today.

Now as you take my hand and walk me into the Colgate Chapel this fall morning,

My crimson roses the color of your dress,

Your cream carnations the color of mine,

I want my only bridesmaid to know we will forever be

Sisters by chance,

Best friends by choice.