

What of Me is You?

we gathered one day
Gant-side cousins in one place
a rare reunion

years have grown us up
grandkids of Katherine and Guy
death begins to lurk

Midwest country stock
our shared genes sum twelve percent
nature-nurture blend

from these common roots
our branches have spread afar
distant twigs diverged

I stand in wonder
what parts of me are in you?
what of you is me?



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From left: Lonnie, Deana, John, Kay Jon, Sheila, Bob, Liz, Dan, Delores, Dennis

Not present: J.K.'s Jim, Randy's family

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