

We Are Accidental People

two million years past,
our concestor's mom conceived,
one stout sperm out-swam

bested brother-horde
every human since descends
if other won, who?

what history then?
whole other population,
wars, leaders, prophets

that quirk's chance result:
what is now would not have been,
strange facts would be true

if alt granddad won,
I would not be writing this,
nor you reading it

Image: Our grandmother (100,000 generations ago). Fossil reconstruction from likely period of the most recent common ancestor (concestor) of all humans alive today.



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