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That Other Woman

Today I saw the woman who stole
my best friend. She's ten years
my junior, clear-skinned, debt free,
has never had a broken heart or limb.

Never been passed over for promotion.
Her parents still buy her clothes and cars,
and I bet if she ever has ovarian cysts
or a miscarriage, they'll rush to her side

with mylar balloons. So, yeah, I might've
had a family too. Big house. Nice stuff.
Instead I got a sister by choice. Now that
bitch has everything I ever really wanted.

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