

## *Legacy of an Adopted Child*

*Once there were two women who never knew each other.  
One you do not remember the other you call Mother.*

*Two different lives, shaped to make yours one.  
One became your guiding star; the other became your sun.*

*One gave you a nationality; the other gave you a name.  
One gave you the seed of talent; the other gave you an aim.*

*One gave you emotions; the other calmed your fears.  
One saw your first sweet smile; the other dried your tears.*

*One gave you up, it was all that she could do.  
The other prayed for a child and God led her straight to you.*

*And now you ask me through your tears.  
The age-old questions through the years:  
Heredity or environment, which are you a product of?  
Neither my child, neither; just two different kinds of love.*

*Anonymous*