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Inheritance

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It's nothing you get from walking in the woods.
No asking Google *Why me?*
A change in the DNA from one generation to the next
is what the oncologist said to me.

The tumor is gone now.
Two permanent ink spots on my backside
an empty double port on my chest, above my heart
and a silver line that runs
from my navel to the top of my pubic bone -
things that were left to me.

I'm reading "Great Expectations" for a second time.
Yesterday I bought two pairs of heels instead of one.
I'm not sending Christmas cards this year.

Judy's chapbook *Bits
and Pieces Set Aside*
had been nominated for
a Massachusetts Book
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