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# My Family

*DAUPHIENE PARKS*

My family has big dogs and tiger cats,  
Northern breeds a little bit wild.  
Stairs on stairs and home birth,  
Screaming bloody murder in the living room.

My family entertains ghosts in the pantry,  
Our favorite words: are you bat shit crazy?  
Beauty is painful, wax like honey,  
And mixing the serious with the funny.  
There is also I love you to infinity.

My family comes from steep hills and tall trees,  
and gently petting honey bees  
with the back of our nails while whispering softly  
Let's go look for faeries.

My family likes those sour green blades  
you suck on by the dozen,  
and crab on Yulemas and blueberries in cream.  
My family are salmon swimming upstream.

We are the lazy and the hard working,  
My family goes from laughing to cursing,  
In two minutes flat.  
We will always have each other's back.

My family mourns, and celebrates,  
Even in Pandemic days,  
We love and grow.  
Despite the snow,  
My family is the reason  
My heart continues to glow.