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What do people see
when they see me
walking beside him,
the one who looks
just like me?

"Where's your brother?"
they always ask.
Am I not good enough?
What does it matter.

The differences are as clear
As the bright shining sun.
I guess only to me though.
Rounder face, birthmark
on my right cheek,
the extra 15 pounds
on my six foot frame.
I am plagued by these things.

Don't probe me!
Don't point it out!
Can't you just stop,
Just stop staring!

These are the very things
I have wanted to change
About myself.
But they are the things
That distinguish him from me

I want to be just like him
The brother who looks like me
But I want to be me!
Who am I?