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Jealousy knows no bounds,
Grows like green leaves from a young,
Unsteady tree. I walk down the hall
Thinking *She's prettier; she's more outgoing;*
She has more friends;
She's better than I.

A best friend's good news tightens
My throat and it hurts
To say congratulations.
Best friends don't compete
Outwardly, but inside both have the wish
To be like the other.

Only I know that I cannot be anyone
Except myself. Jealousy grows
As trees grow until they find themselves
Through the tangled roots, each
As special as the other.