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Small irritations grew to hairy mon-
sters
Crushing and tearing—red eyes
aglow.
In-laws became outlaws as we
divided.
Where did the family in my family
go?



Differences of opinion became
demons
Growling and snarling—ripping us
apart.
We evolved as a group of despised
strangers
Bewildered by this season of a
hardened heart.



Intolerance and suspicion united
as an ogre
Devouring and drooling—a mighty
foe.
The old home place groans with
loneliness.
Where did the family in my family
go? ■

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