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If you were to parse me  
Like meat on a banner  
You'd find all my ancestors  
In parts or in manner.

Dissect the whole of me  
You'll find them there.  
One in my eye color.  
One in my hair.

Which great-great loved words—  
Like sausage all mingled  
In Swedish or German—  
Some rhyming or jingled?

Which father loved fibers?  
Which mother loved clay?  
Which one had my hip bone  
With sensuous sway?

Which ones—like the giblets  
With uncertain uses—  
Could wiggle their ears  
or create great excuses?

From their loins I sprang.  
I'm glad for each part,  
For DNA shared with my  
Own unique heart!

—Linda Hoffman Kimball