**You probably didn’t know**

**But you are family**

**Not in the blood sense**

**Not in the family dinner sense**

**You may not like broccoli anyway**

**I’m sure your knowledge of what happens**

**When I head home after a long day**

**Is scant**

**How I drive with the windows open**

**Just to prove it’s still daytime**

**Or how I think about all the things**

**I just didn’t say after you left**

**You are my family**

**And even though I have had**

**6901 children, including you,**

**I count you as brand new**

**This year**

**Just you.**

**It’s astonishing, really**

**Because when I see you each day**

**I know how you’re feeling**

**I can see it in your eyes**

**When you walk in the door**

**No, really,**

**I can**

**That look like, Sister,**

**I just don’t want**

**To do anything today. I’ve had it. Or**

**I’m just gonna drive you crazy today.**

**Intentionally.**

**That’s ok, though.**

**It’s part of the test. One I have to pass.**

**The one you make up.**

**I’m hoping one day**

**You’ll give me an A.**

**Just once.**