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You raised me to be pink and do things that pinks do.  
I wore dresses and heels and put ribbons in my hair.  
I did all you taught me because you said  
that was how a pink acted.  
When you sent me to school I saw something  
new, a blue.  
I knew that dad was a blue, but I didn't know there were others too.  
As I got older, I began to change, both  
mind and body.  
While I began to look more like a pink, inside I was becoming blue  
I no longer saw the use for skirts and refused to put on makeup for any given  
occasion  
You asked me what was wrong and I told  
you nothing  
But I could see what was happening to me  
Now I have no dresses  
and short hair, not long  
What I feel inside is slowly  
coming out  
I am not pink  
I am not blue  
I am purple  
But I am so afraid to tell you.

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