

5-1-2007

## I am who I am

Karen Carlin

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.collin.edu/forces>

---

### Recommended Citation

Carlin, Karen (2007) "I am who I am," *Forces*: Vol. 2007 , Article 17.

Available at: <https://digitalcommons.collin.edu/forces/vol2007/iss1/17>

This Poem is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@Collin. It has been accepted for inclusion in Forces by an authorized editor of DigitalCommons@Collin. For more information, please contact [mtomlin@collin.edu](mailto:mtomlin@collin.edu).

*I am who I am*

KAREN CARLIN

I am who I am.

I am my mother's daughter,

Anyone can guess.

The face she has is mine as well.

Except for the gray-blue eyes,

She gave me the mysterious brown,

As if she knew the troubles they would hide.

I am who I am.

At times it can be more a curse than a gift.

Punishment should not have come because

of a face I did not choose.

I am who I am.

She had the courage to escape the abuse.

She never knew I became her substitute,

All because the face I have is hers as well.

I am who I am.

With a mind much unbalanced,

Due to the things I saw, heard, and felt.

My emotions, always very sensitive.

Sadness seems to be a part of my soul.

I am who I am.

I seem to need so very much,

But I never dared to ask.

There are words I need to hear.

Words I never asked for.

I am who I am.

I am my mother's daughter.

Who she is, is much of who I am.

To make her proud is all I want,

It is all I need to hear.

I am who I am.

Jewelry Design

JOAN DURRKE

