

## Family

Blood Orange

You asked me what family is  
And I think of family as community  
I think of the spaces where you don't have to shrink yourself  
Where you don't have to pretend or to perform

You can fully show up and be vulnerable  
And in silence, completely empty and  
That's completely enough

You show up, as you are, without judgment, without ridicule  
Without fear or violence, or policing, or containment  
And you can be there and you're filled all the way up

So we get to choose our families  
We are not limited by biology  
We get to make ourselves  
And we get to make our families