

# Jewel's Poems

## LIKE STRANGERS

I grew with them  
I raised them  
Took care of them  
Like I was their mother  
I worried about them  
(How would they fare without me?)  
(Were they strong enough to deal with the loss of both their mother and sister?)  
But there was nothing I could do  
I was dealing  
With my own issues  
But if I could I would turn back time  
I would take back all the mean things I did and said  
And say the unsaid words  
If that could make us now as close as we were  
But now it's like we don't know each other  
Awkward silences almost too much  
They break my heart  
Because these are the same small boys  
That liked yellow and red  
Loved power rangers and pokeman  
And had dreams  
Now men  
That I don't know  
(That I don't know )  
But maybe slowly  
We can get to know  
One another  
And get to a point  
To be like we were before we're  
Like Strangers

## **PROBABLY WASN'T WHAT YOU WANTED ANYWAY**

**I just want to say sorry to the people  
That might have adopted me  
(That might have loved me the way I needed to be loved  
That might have healed my heart  
That might have gave me compassion when I needed  
That might have been there when I needed someone to lean on)  
I chose for you  
Instead of taking a chance  
Of letting you get the chance  
To know me  
And decide for yourself  
Rather or not  
You might  
Want me  
I was a coward  
Too afraid for anyone to love me  
I just didn't want to be rejected again  
(Why would anyone love me if my own mother couldn't?)  
I felt like I was too broken  
"Probably wasn't what you wanted anyway"  
But sometimes I wish  
I would have been braver  
And allow you to decide that for yourself  
Maybe I would have ended up a different kid  
So if you have a chance to get adopted  
Take it  
Don't be afraid to let someone love you  
Like I was**