

# DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID

I look at my dad's chin. His chins.  
Are those chins in my future?  
I worry about my genes.  
Is my throat getting soft? A little flaccid?  
I pinch it. I'm not too sure.  
Those chins might be in my DNA,  
which is a lot easier to say  
than deoxyribonucleic acid.

I worry about my knees too.  
In the photos of my tīpuna  
on Mum's side – look at great-aunt Sue! –  
their knobby knees are not their best asset.  
I wish I'd paid attention sooner  
to this stuff called DNA,  
this thing that's impossible to say,  
this deoxyribonucleic acid.

But I can run real fast.  
Faster than just about anyone.  
"Thank your grandma Sid," my mum laughs.  
"No one could run as fast as Sid."  
See all the trophies I've won.  
I guess I should thank my DNA  
for making me who I am today.  
Thanks, deoxyribonucleic acid.

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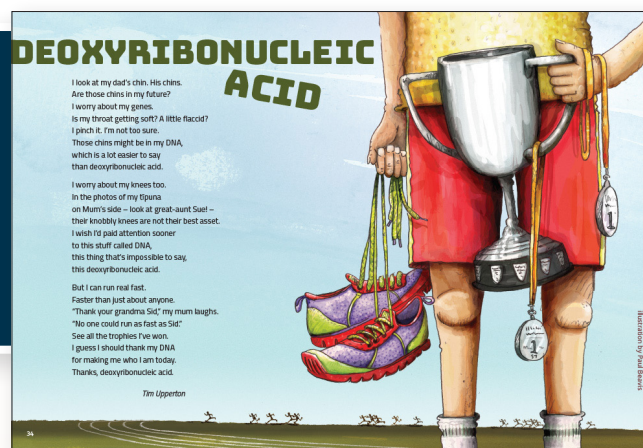




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