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When I was a child I was from Quaker Oatmeal,  
From Klick-Klacks, loud, fast and faster.

When I was a child I was from thinking looking at faces upside down was funny  
and nightmares were scary.

When I was a child I was from playing Barbie's with my best friend, Art,  
Bancroft Elementary and my secret little room in the back of the basement.  
I was very quiet, and shy, loved to ride bikes, read and swim in the Summer.

When I was a child I was from my mom teaching me to cook and bake.

Now I am a woman and I am about baking, walking and reading.  
I am sweet, helpful and loving, but I am also mean, angry and manipulative.

Now I am a woman and I am a cook, a mom, sexy and funny.  
I am about thinking a funny movie is funny and being alone all the time as scary.

Now I am a woman and I am about Chinese good, spicy, sweet and crispy.  
I am about my, shiny, sparkly, dangly and colorful earrings.

Now I am a woman and I am really wanting to go back to school to study  
Culinary Arts  
and never wanting to die.

I am about dirt or a messy house really annoying me, and handling it  
by cleaning it like crazy.

Now I am a woman and right now I am about living in a battered women's  
shelter,  
The color black and reading.

When I grow up I want to be a professional chef. I want to be successful,  
respected by my family and happy.

When I grow up I want to be like my mom, patient, loving and kind.

I want to swim in the ocean, own a nice home, and decorate it because  
I have always dreamed of doing it.  
When I grow up I want to visit California and swim in the ocean.

Ten years from now I want to have my own home, be happy  
And may have a good man in my life.