

# This Body II

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My body is  
perfect and  
imperfect and  
black and  
girl and  
big and  
thick hair and  
short legs and  
scraped knee and  
healed scar and  
heart beating and  
hands that hold and  
voice that bellows and  
feet that dance and  
arms that embrace and  
my momma's eyes and  
my daddy's smile and  
my grandma's hope and

my body is masterpiece and  
my body is mine.

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