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I'm confused because I'm
Not sure if I'm supposed to have
Long hair that drags down to my backside,
Or short hair that frames my face,

Or if my forehead is too small,
But then again it's not so big,
You can't hang a poster on it that says
"Beauty."

I know my nose is big, but should
It be small and cinched like a cocaine-
Snorting nostril, or should it resemble
My Piggy Bank from when I was three?

I don't really have an upper lip,
But it relaxes on my fuller bottom one,
But do I tell the doctor to make them bigger
Like balloons, or perfect like a Kardashian's?

I'm confused about this balance because
I have curves, but I'm not sure if
I should be up and down like a Hadid,
Or voluptuous like a Beyonce.

This is too much because they say not
To build too much muscle or I'll look like
My owner, but then again it's really difficult
To be a ballerina,

I'm just so distraught because no one
Ever told me which one was right,
Why can't they all just make up their mind?
Am I talking too much?

I'm sorry.