

they were implied threats  
disguised as encouragements  
because of the threats that they had lived through.

the ones who have come from these families  
understand exactly what that means  
if they survive.

when you are impoverished there will be  
used shoes that are not too used  
to be given as a gift.

shoes that are too used still have to last longer  
than their heels  
when there are no presents coming.

if not the shoes then other things...

you become the one who is  
ugly and awkward  
awkward and ugly  
awkward  
ugly  
a prisoner transported  
through the town in an open cage

with parents who do not want to talk about it.

if not shoes then other things.  
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