

Decathlon

Questioning the Family Tree

8a When I read the ancestral names
8x listed in genealogy–
4b just who were they?
8x Were they happy or very sad?
4a What were their claims?
8c How did their backgrounds influence
8c how I live mine? The confluence
4b of DNA
10d chance encounters lead to my survival.
10d Egg and sperm connected, beat out rival.

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1. Decathlon is Greek meaning contest for ten. Poem has ten lines.
2. Lines 1-2-4-6-7 are tetrameter or eight syllables. Lines 3-5-8 are dimeter or four syllables. Lines 9 & 10 are pentameter or 10 syllables.
3. Rhyme Scheme: a-x-b-x-a-c-c-b-d-d x=unrhymed.