

My Photo Album
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Yes I have a photo album
and the pictures inside
are not mine.
I buy little frames and they all come with pictures
already wrapped inside them.
Wonderful photographs of
my adorable children in fields and parks
usually with their pets
and
my family sitting close with holiday smiles
and
me and my wife on slopes with sweaters.
Fireplace content.
I return the various frames
to the various stores where I bought them.
I tell the various clerks
the frames didn't really fit.
They never notice the missing pictures.
They give me my money back
The pictures are magazine paper thin
but under the cellophane skin
of my photo album
they are real
enough.
Come.
Sit next to me.
Look
at the nice life
I've had
so far.