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This reads like a meditation on homologous recombination as both molecular process and existential drama.

The scientific question at the top is precise and technical, but the prose that follows refuses precision. It turns DNA strand invasion into a scene of desire, violence, loss, and unstable identity. “Knows and knowing conflate” is a strong opening move: recognition is no longer a clean biochemical event but a blurred state, where agency and passivity collapse into each other. The invading strand is personified, but not in a simple way. It “knows,” yet that knowledge is provisional, almost theatrical, and the complementary strand is also active in its waiting. The search for sequence homology becomes a crisis of relation.

A striking feature of the passage is how often it undoes itself. Terms like “recognition,” “truth,” “self,” and “other” are introduced only to be destabilized. “Recognition is just a prefix” is especially sharp: it suggests that what matters is not stable knowledge but an event of reconfiguration. Once pairing begins, identities blur. The self cannot “tell the self from the other,” which mirrors the molecular exchange itself, where boundaries between strands and templates become permeable.

The language of inheritance and family deepens this. The recombinant product becomes “offspring,” born from “parents seized by death and fighting for a way out.” That gives homologous recombination its biological stakes: this is not merely mechanism but survival under damage, a response to catastrophe. Yet the family metaphor is made deliberately uneasy by words like “indecent drama” and “patrimony,” which make repair feel less like restoration than dispossession. Survival requires surrender.

The passage also works through paradoxes of time and space. “Time is thrown away,” “Timelessness greets time,” “The constructs will be adjudicated in time and space.” The molecular event is tiny and fast, but the prose expands it into something almost metaphysical. Recombination becomes a place where sequence matching suspends ordinary distinctions, as if repair opens a temporary zone outside stable order.

What I find most effective is the shift toward breakdown: “words come apart,” “things come apart,” “Nothing’s more broken.” The prose enacts the damage and rearrangement it describes. Even syntax feels frayed. That makes the ending powerful. “A child could sort this out. Just turn away and find something else to think about” sounds deflationary, but it is really ironic. The speaker acknowledges both the simplicity of the base-pairing logic and the overwhelming philosophical burden they have projected onto it.

So the page comments on homologous recombination by refusing to keep science and metaphysics apart. It treats strand invasion as a model for recognition, surrender, identity loss, and survival after breakage. The result is dense, unsettling, and intentionally excessive: the molecular process is not explained so much as haunted.

If you want, I can also turn this into a more formal close-reading paragraph or a shorter seminar-style comment.