## Suggestion

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'Interesting situation. Say a chap marries a girl who is the same age as his adopted daughter who is married with two children. The adopted daughter's (AD) children become his grandchildren. He gets two girls who are younger than his grandchildren. His kids become the grandson's nieces. And the AD becomes their grandaunt?
You will have to draw a family tree to get the relationship, but it becomes very distasteful to the AD , to become a grand aunt to her once sisters. It's logically explained in this song. "I'm my own grandpa!" '


## Answer

No. There is no relation between Child $\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{B}$ and Child $\mathrm{C} / \mathrm{D}$ because the adopted daughter is adopted (dotted line), not a blood relation (solid line). The same applies if the adopted daughter were a step-daughter. There is no logic in the song, it is a nonsense (fun) song. Re logic, each clause proposed is addressed:

| Proposition | Answer |
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| - Chap marries a girl who is the same age as his adopted daughter who is <br> married with two children | Ok |
| - The adopted daughter's (F) children (A \& B) become his grandchildren | Yes. By adoption, not by blood. |
| - He gets two girls | Ok. His blood children (C \& D). |
| - who are younger than his grandchildren | Ok, but their age is irrelevant. |

Regarding relationships, what is relevant is (a) blood, and (b) generation. Not age. In families that have many children, across generations (eg. mine), it is quite common to have an uncle that is younger than oneself, or a niece that is older.

| - His kids (C \& D) become the grandson's (A) nieces. | No. There is no relation. However, in order to have working <br> relationships in the crazy family, child C is Child A's "aunt". |
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| - And the adopted daughter (F) becomes their grandaunt? | No. There is no relation. Child C is adoptee F's "sister". |
| - it becomes very distasteful to the AD, to become a grand aunt to her |  |
| once [own ?] sisters. | Only in the nonsense song. In real life, child C is indeed adoptee F's <br> "sister", who happen to be younger than her children A \& B. |

## Real Interest

The proposed relations are interesting, but the example given is confused by the use of an adoptee (not a blood relation). Therefore it may be more interesting if that confusion were removed, and blood relations considered. This would be the base or absolute relations, upon which adoptees and step-children are mapped. Again, generations, not age, is relevant.


Child D is indeed child A's half-sister ("sister"), who happens to be younger than her children B \& C.

