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Where I'm From Poem



A "Where I'm From" poem focuses on specific details from your past that helped create who you are today. For this poem to be successful, you need to be very specific and descriptive in your details and imagery. Read the following example and then write your own poem using the guide below.

Where I'm From

I'm from baths in the kitchen sink,
From Downy and Mom's perfume
I am from flowers by the fence
(yellow and springy, they tasted like crayons).
I am from the ivy crawling up the house,
The baby tree whose sturdy trunk shot from the ground
A mirror image of my planted feet.

I'm from sprinkles and plastic table donut shops
From Bert and Ernie
I'm from stupid heads and dot to dot I got my cootie shot
From don't touch this and don't touch that.
I'm from Hymn No. 96 and why is this piece of bread so small?
And Bible crafts made from neon pipe cleaners.

I'm from Bill and Darlene's branch
From hot soup and freshly baked corn bread
From the Well, when I was little and the snowy games
Told to me by Green Bay Packer season ticker holders
In the storage room are boxes
Overflowing with shiny, color-coated memories
Bundles of dreams kept alive
To ask my mother about.

I am from these moments
A leaf changing color with the weather
Time only strengthens the branch that holds me.

Directions: Follow the guide to write your own poem. The words in bold will be part of your poem.

Title: _____

Stanza One:

Line 1: **I am from** _____, (pick a noun or write a phrase that reminds you of home)

Line 2: **From** _____ **and** _____. (describe two smells that remind you of your childhood)

Line 3: **I am from** _____ (describe the physical appearance of an area around or in your house that you were fond of)

Line 4: (_____

_____.) (In the parentheses, what colors come to mind when you think of this area and imagine what this area would “taste” like if you could taste it)

Line 5: **I am from** _____

(Pick another object or area around your house or neighborhood that reminds you of growing up. Write a second sentence about why this place or object is or was important to you.)

Stanza Two:

Line 6: **I am from** _____ (pick a food that reminds you of home)

and _____ (pick another object or place that reminds you of growing up)

Line 7: **From** _____ (names of relatives or friends that are most important to you)

Line 8: **I'm from** _____ (write a phrase or saying that you hear a lot from adults) **and** _____ (write another phrase or saying you hear a lot from adults)

Line 9: **I'm from** _____ **and**

_____. (List two things that are very important to your family.)

Stanza Three:

Line 10: **I'm from** _____ **side of the family** (which side of your family tree do you identify with)

Line 11: **From** _____ **and** _____ (name two special foods to your family, maybe foods you only eat at the holidays or for celebrations)

Line 12: **From** _____

_____ (briefly
summarize in a sentence or two a story that you have heard over and over again from a
relative in your family)

Line 13: **From** _____

_____ (briefly
describe a room in your house that you like the most)

Line 14: **I am from these moments**

Line 15: _____

_____ (To end your poem, write a sentence comparing yourself to a part of a plant. How have
these moments shaped your life? How have you grown?)

Finished? Recopy your poem onto a clean piece of paper!

