

I Am From

Part I: Use the following template to help form your poem.

1- I am fromwhere is your family from

Describe your feelings about it.....

2- I am fromtell about things found in your neighbourhood (i.e. corner grocery store, special garden/tree, church, etc...)

3- I am fromnames of foods and dishes that recall family gatherings

Describe your feelings about it.....

4- I am fromnames of relatives that link you to your past (i.e. Uncle Einar, Aunt Eva....)

5- I am frompeople who are important in your family

Describe your feelings about them.....

6- I am fromSayings of importance (i.e. "If I've told you once"....)

7- I am fromPlaces you have been that are important

8- I am fromwhat are your favorite memories/activities

Describe your feelings about it.....

9- I am fromyour family name and what it means (if you know)

Part II: Examples

1. I am from the smell of soul food
Cooking in Lelinna's kitchen.
From my Pampa's war stories
To my granny's cotton pickin'.
2. I am from warm rain cascading over
taro leaf umbrellas.
Crouching beneath the shield of kalo.

3. I am from swimming with
the full moon,
Saturday at the laundromat,
and Easter crepes.

Part III: Brainstorm

Use the space below to write down some of your ideas. Once you have your ideas, write your poem in draft form first and then good copy.