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Where I'm From

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I am from Family Photos
from Fabuloso and Clorox.
I am from the gardens that weren't that good.
(Maybe because too much sun,
or because of the devil cats.)
I am from the big old oak tree,
the spikey bush that would
always spike you if you went
through there.

I am from *pan dulce* and Christmas Reunions,
from José and Belén
and from the Toledo's and the Orozco's.
I am from the hard-working people
and the *si Dios quiere*.
From *¡no seas huevón!* and *primero Dios*.
I am from church each week
no matter how you felt or if you were sleepy.

I am from the hills of Jalisco and the San Antonio heat,
from *frijoles* and *tacos*.
From the parent that crossed the border
for a better life,
and the mom that worked for an education.

I am from the walls that have every picture
that reveal all the memories that you can see
at any time, of the past to the present
of lots of **Familia**.