

## I am from/ Yo soy de

I am from chocolate abuelita, pozole and enchiladas  
From the scent of sunscreen, chlorine and Fabuloso  
I am from the house on the corner of Sweetwater  
and from the house completely surrounded by neighbors  
From the scent of eternity by calvin klein and freshly made food,  
And the sound of my mother's footsteps as she approaches my room  
I am from the cacti, and palm trees  
The orange trees whose branches we'd climb as a race  
To see who was strongest- it was always my sister.

I am from my mother's dance routines and the idea that hard work is everlasting  
I am from my perfect mother and not so perfect father  
I am from lending a hand to those in need and Staying hopeful even when things are grim  
I am from raffling chores as a "fun" and "fair" way to decide who does what

I am from never let anyone step on you and never step on anyone  
From never forget where you came from and never forget where you are going  
From "camaron que se duerme se lo lleva la corriente" and from "de broma en brome la verdad se asoma"

I am from celebrations, dance and mi familia  
I am from Aguascalientes and mestizos  
From a malinchista culture and a culture that oppresses others  
From my grandfather's stories of encounters with the paranormal  
From my mother's obsession of "capturing the moment" with her giant collection of albums  
hidden under her bed.  
I am from running outside into our green truck just to watch the rain and lightning  
From climbing the roof and looking at the stars

Yo soy de los sacrificios y valor de mis padres  
Soy y siempre será el resultado de mis experiencias  
Pero hay sólo una cosa que me define, que siempre seré hija de mi madre