

I am from...

I am from el agua de limón
From the books and the television sets
I am from the busy and safe place,
I am from la yerbabuena
The guayaba tree whose long gone limbs I remember
As if they were my own.

I am from the Christmas Eve celebrations and the 90's crazy hair styles
From mi madre y mi padre
I'm from Sunday dinners
And from discadas at the park

I'm from chew with your mouth close and do not walk barefoot
And from al mal tiempo buena cara
I'm from big birthday parties
I'm from Zacatecas and Jalisco
El pozole y la birria
From my mother learning how to sew at 12years old,
Making her own quinceañera and wedding dress.
The old family pictures hanging on the hallway at my parents' house
Reminding us of the special moments we have lived as a family.