“Where I'm From” Poem

# How to Write a "Where I'm From" Poem

If you want to write a beautifully therapeutic and personal poem, then the "Where I'm From" poem is perfect. You'll create a piece of writing that represents specific moments in your life that contribute to who you are today. This poem encourages tolerance and awareness of our own personal experiences and can be rewritten over and over again. Imagine being able to express where you're from without simply saying the name of a city, state or country. This poem is about YOU!   
  
Remember, you are the expert on you. No one else sees the world as you do; no one else has your material to draw on. You don't have to know where to begin. Just start. Let it flow. Trust the work to find its own form.

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# “Where I’m From” Poem Sample

I am from clothespins,   
from Clorox and carbon-tetrachloride.   
I am from the dirt under the back porch.  
(Black, glistening,   
it tasted like beets.)   
I am from the forsythia bush  
the Dutch elm  
whose long-gone limbs I remember  
as if they were my own.

I'm from fudge and eyeglasses,   
from Imogene and Alafair.   
I'm from the know-it-alls  
and the pass-it-ons,   
from Perk up! and Pipe down!   
I'm from He restoreth my soul  
with a cottonball lamb  
and ten verses I can say myself.

I'm from Artemus and Billie's Branch,   
fried corn and strong coffee.   
From the finger my grandfather lost   
to the auger,   
the eye my father shut to keep his sight.

Under my bed was a dress box  
spilling old pictures,   
a sift of lost faces  
to drift beneath my dreams.   
I am from those moments--  
snapped before I budded --  
leaf-fall from the family tree.

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I am from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (specific ordinary item), from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (product name) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(product name).

I am from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (home description... adjective, adjective, sensory detail).

I am from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (plant, flower, natural item), the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (plant, flower, natural detail)

I am from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (family tradition) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (family trait), from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name of family member) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (another family name) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (family name).

I am from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (description of family tendency) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (another one).

From \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (something you were told as a child) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (another).

I am from (representation of religion, or lack of it). Further description.

I'm from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (place of birth and family ancestry), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (two food items representing your family).

From the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (specific family story about a specific person and detail), the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (another detail, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (another detail about another family member).

I am from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (location of family pictures, mementos, archives and several more lines indicating their worth).