

Where I'm From Poem Template

1st Stanza: Focus on your home and/or neighborhood. Describe both or either as clearly as possible. (include a minimum of 3 examples from your home/neighborhood)

I'm from _____

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2nd Stanza: Focus on Family. Think about family traditions, rituals, traits and names. Describe things that make your family what it is. (Include a minimum of 4 examples from your family.)

I'm from _____

From _____

I'm from _____

3rd Stanza: Focus: Memories of childhood—sayings you were told as a child or lessons that you learned. Think about your ancestry, foods, events, etc. (include a minimum of 4 examples from childhood)

I'm from _____

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4th Stanza: Focus: Now—think of your responsibilities, things you enjoy, emotions you feel, personality traits and challenges and goals for the future/dreams. (include a minimum of 4 examples).

I'm from _____

_____ and _____

This is where I'm from.

<p>Close Family members</p>	<p>Places your family is from</p>	<p>Sounds that represent where you are from</p>
<p>Emotions that you often feel/ Personality Traits</p>	<p>Dreams/Goals for the Future</p>	<p>_____</p>

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Name: _____ Date: _____

<p>Places in your home and neighborhood</p>	<p>Sayings in your family</p>	<p>Tastes from your childhood (special foods/meals)</p>
<p>Family Traditions/Rituals</p>	<p>Responsibilities at home</p>	<p>Things you do for fun/things you don't like doing</p>

Use this sheet to Brainstorm descriptive phrases or words that you will include in your poem. Remember to be very descriptive and usejectives that describe emotions, smells, tastes, sounds, things we see, etc.

I'm from...

I'm from Mariposa—where I can always tell when Chivas or America is playing because the cheers go down the block.

From the great taco truck on the corner and the tiny lights hanging in the trees in front of my building

I'm from all different types of music and languages spilling out of windows in the summer and the trucks showing off people's lives in the middle of the when they move in or off the block.

I'm from calling my parents every Sunday morning after church and speaking English to my mom as she speaks Spanish to me. From long drives with my father as he tells me stories about every little place we pass. I'm from Gutierrez and Diaz—from Javier, Jose, Alfredo, Carmela, Patricia, Luis, Eddie and finally me—sometimes my mom forgets my name.

I'm from “tu primer trabajo es la escuela” so you better make A's and ice cream under the covers when it snowed.

I'm from Texas—very much the U.S. but also feeling very Mexican. I'm from “don't walk alone because of La Llorona” when we lived in the country...and “don't walk alone because there are crazies” in the city.

I'm from feeling responsible for giving back to my parents but also wanting my own life. I'm from my having my dad's joker personality and still taking everything too seriously. I'm from always wanting more education and a job where I feel successful.

This is where I'm from.

-N.G.

I am from...

I'm from waking up early feeling lazy and dull

Jumping into the shower and feeling fresh when I walk out the door

I'm from walking out the door to see the city of L.A. and seeing the sunrise creating an amber color in the sky

I'm from my dad encouraging me, saying "Do good in school!" Telling me to keep up the good work and effort and to keep my focus.

I'm from spending time with my family every Christmas and Thanksgiving, eating my grandma's famous dish pan con pollo.

I'm from spending every Saturday with my dad,

Going to the park and playing with a soccer ball then going to the theatre where I eat popcorn with nacho cheese

And he eats his hot dog with ketchup and mustard .

I'm from waiting for my mom at night, pondering when she will come home

And wondering "What is she doing right now?"

I'm from knowing most kids at school and becoming friends with different people . Hugging people and saying "hi" to everyone I see

I'm from doing my best in school and receiving excellent grades

I'm from feeling confident and having many accomplishments

I'm from wanting to graduate high school and from a university.

From having a great career that I enjoy and brings good money.

From wanting to do my best I can in everything

This is where I'm from.

--Krystle

(edited)