

Where I'm From
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(Inspired by George Ella Lyon)

I am from tobacco patches and two huge oak trees in the back yard, providing shade.

I am from rich black garden soil, "new ground," and sage grass.

I am from cigarette smoke, lye soap, and newly mown hay.

I am from Sinking Creek Church, Aunt Em's, and Grandma's house.

I am from fried chicken, corn bread, pinto beans, and fried potatoes.

I am from Decoration Day, church Christmas plays, and County Fairs.

I am from fresh lemonade, stack cakes, fried apple pies, and fresh pork sausage.

I'm from "I believe in you 100%!" and "I don't say 'good-bye,' just 'so long.'"

I'm from "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

I'm from dogwoods, mountain laurel, and honeysuckle.

I'm from dirt roads and a two-room school.

Johnson Elementary
"Where I'm From" Project

I come from Ronnie where
he takes care of me and my sister.

I come from school where
I learn and love it.

Madison, 1st grade, Johnson Elementary, Laurel County

I come from Kentucky where
I love my state and we like to watch the wildcats.

I come from my family where
they love me very much and support me a lot.

Sarah, 2nd grade, Johnson Elementary, Laurel County

I come from friend land where
everybody are friends and nobody is mean.

I come from church where
Everybody listens to God and Jesus and the preacher.

Aubrey, 2nd grade, Johnson Elementary, Laurel County

I come from China where
I was adopted and pandas thrive.

I come from books where
you read and learn.

I come from art where
drawing is magical and colors are fun.

I come from the nature where
the sun and grass always glisten.

I come from Johnson Elementary where
the teachers teach and students learn.

I come from church where
I learn about Jesus and read the Bible.

Caity, 3rd grade, Johnson Elementary, Laurel County

I come from a long bike ride where
the hills are steep and a bit too scary.

I come from a Barbie world where
your dog is plastic and clothes are small.

I come from a factory where
bread is made and it is tasty.

I come from a nature place where
butterflies are free and spread their wings.

I come from a picky place where
my brothers pick on me and play games that are tricky.

I come from a magical place where
unicorns play and dance on rainbows.

Sophia, 3rd grade, Johnson Elementary, Laurel County

I come from the music where
the notes are ringing and instruments play.

I come from Johnson School where
the teachers teach and the learners learn.

I come from the animals where
they're barking and they're tweeting.

I come from art and drawing where
colors collide to make paintings and where drawings are done.

Emma, 4th grade, Johnson Elementary, Laurel County

I come from good times where
daddy throws steaks on the grill and mom cooks good french fries.

I come from Laurel County where
KFC was first invented and chicken was in the fryer.

I come from Johnson Elementary where
the wild readers come from and teachers are wonderful.

I come from the U.S.A. where
we allow all people from everywhere and we are totally free.

I come from modern times where
my brother texts on the phone and I play Madden NFL 16 on my PS4.

I come from a family where
I'm always protected and always fed the perfect amount.

Dane, 4th grade, Johnson Elementary, Laurel County

I come from muddy hills where

I go hunting and kill lots of deer.

I come from fields where

I play football and am nice to my opponent.

I come from ball courts where

I shoot hoops and jump in briars to get the basketball.

I come from the country where

I go fishing and catch big monster bass.

I come from school where

I teach little kids and learn.

I come from the library where

I learn to read new words and meet my AR goal.

Logan, 4th grade, Johnson Elementary, Laurel County

I come from one parent that does it all where
my mom and dad is one person and that person is a woman.

I come from good cooking where
all flavors and foods mix together as one and all enjoy the flavors.

I come from playing in the mud where
my friends and I have fun and jump banks back and forth.

I come from good times where
everyone taps their toes and sings along.

I come from family memories where
everyone laughs and cries.

I come from dance where
I feel free when the curtain is drawn and the crowd cheers.

Alexis, 5th grade, Johnson Elementary, Laurel County

I come from the hills of Laurel County where I

bail hay on hot summer days and the windows are pushed out.

I come from woods where there are plenty of squirrels for the family and

I shoot my guns all the time.

I come from good home cooking where

we have soup beans and corn bread everyday.

I come from a lawn mower seat where

I mow yards on hot summer days and weed eat the weeds.

I come from a football field where

I hit people all day and make them feel pain.

Clay, 5th grade, Johnson Elementary, Laurel County