

I am from, where I am from

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I am from here to there,

and a little of everywhere.

I hail from the county of Leslie in the state of Kentucky,
where the sky is still blue and the mountains talk to you.

I am from where the Soul,
is black from a carbon called coal.

I am from dark and light.

I am from near and far.

I am from happy and sad.

I am from the branches of a family tree,
the history you can see in me.

I am from the small rapids in the river.

I am from fossils in the dirt,
and crumpled leaves.

I am from coal country,
a place you must see to believe.

I am from where you just can't hide,
that Appalachian pride.

This is where I am from!