

## Heritage

I Am From...

the tiny pink rose bush Dad gave to Mom that was planted in the backyard corner,  
and a rusty-red broken down swing set with a homemade airplane for a seat.

I am from...

the garden rows of potatoes, snappy green beans,  
and yellow tasseled corn in July;  
a driveway made of creek gravel with dust thick as sorghum;  
a winding, sparkling creek with silver minnows and smooth pebbles,  
and the thick green carpet of grass with honeybee flower jewelry;  
I am from the outside on Caney Creek.

I Am From...

the lilac bedroom where they laid my daddy out for the world to see,  
the bright, white, inside bathroom, the first on the creek.

I am from...

the long sunlit dinning room with many voices,  
and the small hot kitchen that made cornbread everyday;  
the quiet, black and white TV living room,  
that introduced me to JFK, and my childhood dream;  
I am from inside the house that Daddy made.

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