

I AM FROM

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I am from the mighty breath of God,
Mama's daydreams, Daddy's devilish grin,
her eternal Grace and beauty
and his bluegrass mandolin...

I am from grandparent's "Sunnybrook Farm"
and "My Old Kentucky" home
where they raised me right, day and night,
when I was orphaned and left alone.

And from the church of Christ, "Down in the Valley,"
where the saints went marching in,
and I learned about a place called Heaven,
learned about saving myself from sin.

I am from Polly dolls and pollywogs,
from baby lambs, and mules that plowed,
chimney sweeps, chicks, cats and dogs,
playing with all ~ as time allowed.

I am from haystacks, hollyhocks and Heidi,
"Little Women" and literary dreams,
the places and people in life, in mind,
so full of my own little schemes.

And from the naive me back then ~
to the wiser woman I became,
the prayers I prayed, the family I made...

Still waiting for the call of my name.