

I Come From the...

- Lizzy

I come from the search for opportunities.

From looking for a better life.

Crossing the border to get here,

to only be robbed from

what little I had left.

From finding my way to who I am from new adventures,

to finding the love of my life.

Only from the one time I saw her,

when I was working to survive.

I come from the values I was taught,

and to care for those I love.

I come from the “tener límites y respeto por sí mismo”.

To the “ayuda tu hermana” and “acompaña a tu hermano”,

and the “darles todo para que puedan seguir adelante”.

I am a son, a brother, a husband, and a father,

But I am also a legacy and an example for my family's future.

I come from following my father,

To the land of great opportunities.

I come from being a teenage mom,

to a daughter that I will always protect.

I come from the sacrifices that I made,

to make sure my family is ok.

I come from working hard to be able to survive,

to being able to provide for my family.

I come from loving and respecting one another,

to sticking together wherever we go.

From working the early mornings and late nights,

to walking with my daughters for delights.

I come from making sure we are all safe,

to spoiling my husband on some days.

I am a daughter, a sister, a wife, and a mother,

But I am also a safe haven for my daughters to come to.

I come from my resurrection.

From trying to breathe, but

with my heart suddenly stopping.

From being in an incubator,

to being in my mom's arms.

I come from the "con cuidado que le haces caer tu hermanita"

to the "ayuda le con su tarea"

I come from the "no peleen"

to hearing my own sister say,

"Please hang out with me today".

I come from the feeling of growing up too fast,

to the not growing fast enough.

I come from a world where no one,

But my own family would

ever believe in me and my success.

I come from the struggles in my education,

to the almost making it to the finish line.

I come from the overprotective environment,

to the values that I have developed.

I come from being the first generation,

to making my parents proud.

I come from loving everyone,

as I wish to be loved.

I am a daughter, sister, and girlfriend,

And I will always reach for the stars and give back to my family.