

Where I'm From

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- 1 I am from a life filled with colour,
From the chocolate brown that is my skin.
I am from the sunshine yellow of my mother's laugh,
From the red and white of my brother's favourite football shirt.
- 5 I am from the crisp new white pages of a book,
From the miserable grey of the street I live on.
I am from green, pink and yellow; My garden in summer filled
with flowers,
From the terrifying black of the nightmares that haunt me.
- 10 I am from the ginger orange of my buried cat,
From the blue and gold of my ever-short school tie.
I am from the dark oak of my grandmother's coffin,
From the golden "Aum" pendant around my neck.
I am from every pink scar etched into my body,
- 15 From the red, orange and brown of a hot curry.
I am from every identical colour of the twins I love,
From the blue and green of a hospital ward.
I am from all that has happened,
And all that will be.