

GREGORIO S. ACEVEDO

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Where I'm From

I am from her ambition and perseverance,

from her indescribable sacrifices.

I am from her restless and hungry nights.

I am from her helpless struggles, to overcome all by herself.

I am from her working two jobs and selling yellow pages when she is not.

I am from her fighting to make ends meet with no shoulder to cry on.

I am from her moving city to city, state to state, and job to job to support the three things she cherished most.

I am from her still maintaining two jobs but now with the scrutiny of school.

I am from her living on a University campus inside a 700 square foot house with 3 children.

I am from her two colleges and 29 units all at

once,

from her 2.am. study nights..every night.

I from her waking up at 6:30 a.m. taking her children to school and then riding the trolley 1 hour to school every morning.

I am from her determination to receive 17 out of 17 scholarships,

from her acceptance into medical school in half the time.

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I am from a 24 year old woman with three children,

I am from the most persistent and resilient woman in the world.

I am from my mom.