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Our America

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I am

I am from pillow cases,

From Ricotta, and Mozzarella cheese.

I am from Dust Bunnies hiding in my vacuum cleaner.

I am from Norway Spruces, which is displayed brightly in Rockefeller center. Where people from all parts come and witness a taste of christmas.

I'm from road trips, and binge watching movies.

From Mercy, and Joshlyn.

I'm from loud discussions, and “ let's go were late”.

From being told to be strong, and courageous, and

Being told not to forget who I am.“ A child of God”

I'm from Sowing The Seed Christian Church. I'm

From staying up on school nights waiting for my

Parents to finish up with their cell group.

I'm from the bronx, Managua, and San Salvador

From Pupusas, and Indijo veijo.

From the aunt that swears she doesn't believe in love, but

Finds herself in tears on New Years Eve wondering where

Her Love is.

Im from the Uncle that finally found Jesus and doesnt let

Anyone starts their meal without saying grace.

from heavy photo albums that only get pulled out the

Hallway closet during deep cleans.

from baby shoes, to baby teeth. from my first tuxedo, to my

First leather jacket. Each item has a story, a memory, a

connection to who I once was. who I still can be.