“I am from” poem, adapted from Rubí Orozco Santos @tradicionessanas / [@nixtamalizedpoetry](https://www.instagram.com/p/B_oaYCvpG1l/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link)

[Here is Tamara’s](https://blogs.ubc.ca/lastfoodways/2023/09/06/i-am-from-radishes/) “I am from” poem.

Instructions: A cross between a Mad Lib and poetry. Fill in this poem with information about yourself, your ancestors, your family (broadly conceived!), and the place you call home or currently live. If you want to get creative and expand on the poem, feel free!

Stanza 1

I am from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(a plant your ancestors grew)

from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(landscape description of the place you grew up)

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(a body of water you care about)

I am from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—

(meaningful item in your kitchen or garden)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(adjective describing above item), (adjective 2 describing above item),

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(detail evoking the senses)

Stanza 2

From \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(*something you were told about nature as a child*)

From \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(name of someone who gave you guidance)

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(name of another person who gave you guidance)

From \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(medicine or herb you like)

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(plant that grows in the region where you grew up)

Stanza 3

I am from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(a tool your ancestors or family used to prepare food)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

(verb[s] relaying what the tool does, such as grinding, mixing)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

(a food item that represents your family)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

(name of a plant in your yard, block, school, or other surroundings)

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(family tradition)

Finally, take a chance to introduce yourself. How would you describe yourself? Why did you enroll in LAST315? What are you excited about this semester? Anything you want to share!

I am from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I am from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Stanza 2

From \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

From \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

From \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Stanza 3

I am from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.