

Where I'm From

I am from MY DAD'S WORKSHOP
(a specific item from your childhood home)

from SAWDUST & GREASE, 2x4's, NAILS and BOLTS
(two products or objects from your past)

I am from SIMPLE SUFFICIENCY, MAKE IT WORK
(a phrase describing your childhood home)

and DO-IT-YOURSELF
(more description of your childhood home)

I am from STAGELY DOUGLAS-FIRS
(a plant, tree or natural item from your past)

whose ARMS HELD OUR TREE KNOTS
(personify that natural item)

I am from STAR TREK and NASA
(two objects from your past)

from BREKATOE and THOMPSON
(a family name) (another family name)

I am from FIERCE ADVENTURERS and STOIC RESERVE
(a family trait or tendency) (another family trait or tendency)

and from LONG LONG CAR TRIPS
(another family trait, habit or tendency)

from DEEP DEEP FAITH
(another family trait, habit or tendency)

I am from HEART-FELT, REVERENT AND PASSIONATE PRAYERS
(a religious phrase or memory)

I am from KNUTE and TOM
(an ancestor) (another ancestor)

from LEFSA and LUTERISK
(two foods from your family history)

from an 18 YR OLD COMING TO THE NEW WORLD ALL ALONE
(a specific event in the life of an ancestor)

and from BRAVING THE WILDS OF MONTANA TO ECK OUT A LIFE
(another detail from the life of an ancestor)

AND FROM MY BICYCLE WHICH TOOK ME MILES AND MILES IN ANY DIRECTION.
(a memory or object you had as a child)

I am from those moments AND SO MANY MORE, A TAPESTRY
OF EVENTS THAT MAKE ME WHO I AM.
(conclude by finishing this thought or by repeating a line or idea from earlier in the poem)