

Where I'm From

I'm from my grandfather, who is a trombone player,
whose impression of Donald Duck I will always remember.

I'm from swimming at the local pool and riding bikes
down the street,
from roller skating and climbing trees,
from throwing acorns and playing hide-and-seek,
and from playing Monopoly and Sorry.
The games I used to play.

I'm from all kinds of chocolate like
Baby Ruth bars, Hershey bars and
M&M's, and from blowing bubbles with
Bazooka bubblegum.

I'm from Get Smart, Flipper,
I Dream of Jeannie, and Lost in Space.
All of these shows I will remember.

I'm from music,
from practicing piano,
from my grandfather's big band
which he has led for many years,
and the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra.

I'm from the health my family is blessed with,
from the life my family gives,
and from the love my family shares.

- Ryland L.