

The Five-Minute Poem

(courtesy of Beverly Tatum)

Five Stanzas

Each stanza has three lines

Each stanza begins with “I am from...”

First stanza: Familiar sights, sounds, or smells from your home, neighborhood, or home country.

Second stanza: Familiar foods, languages, and traditions.

Third stanza: Familiar sayings you heard at home, quotes that guide your life, song lyrics that you identify with.

Fourth stanza: Family hardships, obstacles to overcome.

Fifth stanza: Your road to education. How you got here and where you are going.

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