

Where I'm from - AW

I'm from baby dolls, bouncy balls and jumping on the trampoline

I am from no dishes in the sink, moms sparkling floors and early morning milk runs with dad

I am from dandelions picked from the back yard to make a wish

I am from bob cuts, pixy bangs and bedazzled jeans

From hello kitty, power puff girls and rug rats

I am from 9/11, hurricane Katrina and Brianna going missing

I am from bi-polar woman and risky men.

From mom working overnights to daddy's cuddles at night

From "eat what's made or starve" and "keep crying, ill give you something to cry about"

I am from alcoholics, unfaithful marriages and broken homes.

I am from the beautiful mountains of Vermont, breathtaking foliage and below zero winters

From quiet Christian church and loud atheist opinions

From my brother's paintball tournaments, my sister running away and my grandmother dying on New Year's Eve.

I am from my dad's strength and my mom's "it's my way or the highway"

I am from my parent's determination to provide for our family.

I am from surviving the battle of addiction

From living with mom to being a mom

I am from years of drug use to living a life of recovery

My own children will be from a fighter and a survivor

From late night cuddles to being their personal jungle gym and singing silly songs

From their first steps to the first day at school

My children will make it for they are from my dedication and determination