

Where I'm From
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I'm from small town America- woods and farms and barbeques, two lane highways and no lane rivers, a land of no subways, no buses, no Starbucks

I'm from a childhood climbing trees, jumping into rivers, playing with Ninja Turtles, My Little Pony, Pound Puppies, He-man and Sheera. Playing Robin Hood and Huck Fin, playing soccer with the boys (so what if I'm a girl?)

I'm from Osh-Kosh *and* B-gosh, the Jetsons, ponytails and scrunchies, New Kids on the Block, and all those other embarrassing 80's moments.

I'm from the Boxcar Children, Amelia Bedelia, the Hardy Boys, Encyclopedia Brown, Nate the Great, The Babysitters Club

I'm from music- the piano, the harmonica, the clarinet. Baritone, trumpet, guitar. I sing with the Beatles, Billy Joel, Bonnie Raitt, Crosby Stills and Nash.

I'm from Get Smart, Cheers, M*A*S*H, Taxi, Saturday Night Live, Singin' in the Rain, Duck Soup and Animal Crackers, Much Ado about Nothing.

I'm from Just Say No, if all your other friends jumped off a building, it's time for the Muppet Show with our very special guest star, and why can't you be more like your sister?

I'm from a family of comedians and freaks, teachers and antique dealers, Lithuanians Scotts and Welsh, Seaford DE and Pottsville PA.

I'm from jeans and flip-flops, surfboards and skateboards, CCD and Pre-K, family and friends, fog delays and snow days.

I'm from the land of the free and the home of the not-so-brave. From happy and sad, love and hate, life and death pen and paper.