

Journal 1: FIGURATIVE AND DESCRIPTIVE LANGUAGE

In her poem, "Where I'm From," Lyon lets us know

1. She is Christian:

I'm from He restoreth my soul
with a cottonball lamb
and ten verses I can say myself.

2. She comes from a tradition of hard work:

I'm from the finger my grandfather lost
to the auger,

3. She grew up in a small town where everyone knew everyone else's business:

I'm from the know-it-alls
and the pass-it-ons,

Choose 3 words from your brainstorm/list.

Develop each concept or influence with descriptive and/or figurative language. If you want, begin each revision with the words, "I'm from..."

Example: Music

*I'm from "La Isla Bonita," "Walk This Way," and "Fight for Your Right,"
sounds spoken through pink plastic walls
fifth grade entertainment on the bus ride home.*

Example: Place

Her Massachusetts fall

*Is like my child's crayon canvas—
Burnt sienna, goldenrod,
Mango tango, razzmatazz.*

His Georgia foliage

*Is a spectacle of white—
Stark fields of fluffy snow
Against the still-lingering summer heat.*

