



Where I am From

I am from hair
from beads and moisturizers.
I am from a little apartment in Flatbush.
I am from the supermarket roses,
the cheesiest and most romantic flowers.
I am from family reunions
and coming together
from great aunts
and great grandmothers and grandfathers.
I am from tough love
and life lessons.
From “school comes first”
and “as long as you did your best.”
I am from crystals.
From sage used to remove bad energy.
I am from Brooklyn New York,
from Chinese restaurants to delis.
From the sister who created my name,
the best friend many would love to have
and the dad that makes anything happen.
I am from the 2005’s blackberry photos
and captured smiles from every moment.
I am Janiah.