

Delvin Soebagia Where I'm from

I am from the dumbbells,

From sports and the gym.

I am from the Queens apartment, conveniently near everywhere.

I am from the sunset at the corners of the waters,

from the dimming light of the sun and signaling end of the beaming brightness.

I am from hard work

and perseverance,

from Bagio

and Liana and Leony.

I am from working our way through

and connecting with people.

From learning

and asking questions if I don't know something.

I am from Christianity.

Having to show kindness to others just like He has to us/me. From going to church as well as serving in it.

I'm from Indonesia, the well known island and tropics,

From spicy beef and fried chicken with crumbs and white rice.

From the sacrifice of my dad who came to America to find a job and make money so our family could come here for a new/better life,

the planning and thinking of the outcomes of moving to a new state/location,

and the loving actions of my mother who does her motherly duties of making food and just caring for my family.

I am from the picture frames on the walls,

the pictures that show progress, history, memories as time passes