

Where I'm From

By Darren Shell...for Mom and Dad's Anniversary, 2006

People often ask me about where I'm from,
as if it makes a difference from what state I come.

I was proud to be a Hoosier
and now a Volunteer.
But where I'm from isn't just about
these states I hold so dear.

I think it's more about morals
and values that we hold.
It's about when we're tender,
and also when we're bold.

I think it's about how we're raised
and how we treat our fellow man,
and how we act around a stranger
or shake a best-friend's hand.

So, somewhere in my mind...
amid some odd confusion...
I think I've come to terms with it...
I found the right conclusion.

I think the next time someone asks me
about where I am from...
I'll look them in the eye and smile...
and say "I'm from Dad and Mom."