

Where I'm From

I don't know where I'm from.
I'm from Tuk-Tuks and street food
The constant cacophony of Kolkata traffic,
and my family home on Gariahat road.
From Dum Dum Park and feeding stray dogs Parle G,
From Diwali and Bhai Phonta and
countless Indian Aunties, pinching my cheeks.
But I don't look like where I'm from,
because I'm also from Shabbat dinner,
And Super Bowls with the cousins (go pats),
born and raised in Mass. just like my dad,
listening to the blues and soul while we rake the leaves.
I'm from mixing and meshing,
with Hindu and Jew or Hinjew??
I'm Vijay.