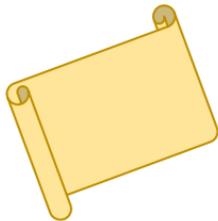


# Randa Adwan is Born

Poetry inspired by *Jacqueline Woodson*

Poet: Randa Adwan



I am born on July 18  
2009, on a Saturday  
A time full of news and  
celebration ,  
I was my parents first  
child,  
My day of birth was a  
sensation,  
And my childhood was  
wild.

I am born in KSA,  
Jeddah. But the  
Palestinian history are  
like waterfalls rushing  
down my blood. I love  
my mother country as  
my own, Lebanon. And  
there I am, under the  
sunny weather of  
Jeddah.

As I come from a family  
of many, my  
grandparents house was  
full of plenty.

So many events have  
been celebrated on that  
wonderous day,

Such as Nelson Mandela  
, Kristen Bell and,  
Kaylee Quinn's  
birthdays, guess what!  
This year National Ice  
cream Day happens to  
be on my birthday!

My name,  
Randa Adwan, I am  
— named after my  
grandmother from my  
dad's side,

I have many members in my family from both sides, some I know and love, some don't know their names, and some never knew existed.

Most of the time I get confused, while other times I get amused, since I've only heard people's names, never really seen their face.

But I know from every day from this moment on, that my whole family loves me.

And I'm so glad that I and others my time grew and growing up free. We can grow up learning voting and walking and riding wherever we want.

I am so happy that I am growing up with many privileges!

Oh and my childhood was lovely, I can remember so much of the three before we became four, my little sister has completed us and I hope there is no more.

My childhood,  
And one thing that  
always calmed me  
down was watching  
Barny,  
It was funny and filled  
with harmony,

Another to make me  
silent as a mouse, was  
watching Mickey Mouse  
Clubhouse.

Food was my bait, I  
don't know why but it  
was fate. I was oh so  
chubby, my favorite  
game was to huggy

This might let you  
down, I guess it'll have  
to end with a frown.

This fun hippity hoppity  
ride has come to an  
end, for now what I  
can say is **SO LONG  
MY FRIEND!**

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