

## **Javier Torres**

### **"Where I'm From"**

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On a three hour flight from Memphis to L.A.  
I was silently celebrating my first class upgrade  
Laughing at my jeans and my boots  
beside those high dollar shoes and Armani suits  
When the gentleman next to me said "The drinks up  
here are free  
So if you like the first one can be on me"  
He said "I'm heading back from business in New York  
and Rome  
Tell me son, where do you call home?"

I said "I'm from the front pew of a wooden white church  
A courthouse clock that still don't work  
Where a man's word means everything  
Where moms and dads were high school flames  
And gave their children Grandmother's maiden name  
yes it may not sound like much  
But it's where I'm from"

So we drank that round and then another  
There wasn't a topic in this world we did not cover  
He said "I headed out west when I was barely 19  
Just a kid chasing my dreams"  
And I said "I'm flying out here to pick up my big brother  
He's been fighting the cancer they discovered  
But he called last night and said 'I think this is the end  
So come take me home to my family and my friends'"

"Where the quarterback dates the homecoming queen  
the truck's a ford and the tractor's green  
And "Amazing Grace" is what we sing  
Where there's a county fair every fall  
And your friends are there no matter when you call  
It may not sound like much  
But it's where I'm from"

And as we stood to claim the bags we checked  
He said "I'll pray for your brother and did I mention that  
Italian suits haven't always been my style  
You see I was the quarterback of my high school team  
We took state back in 63

And my wife, she's still my homecoming queen"

"Cause I'm from the front pew of a wooden white  
church  
A courthouse clock that still don't work  
Where a man's word means everything  
Where moms and dads were high school flames  
and gave their children Grandmother's maiden name  
It may not sound like much  
I said it may not sound like much,  
But it's where I'm from"

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