

## Leaving the Past Behind

All the lies  
have been said  
have been told  
but let me stand up  
and tell you the truth  
about the new and the old.  
When I was 6 years old,  
you beat me and hurt me  
until you felt good  
but I guess you didn't care  
about my emotions inside  
'cause you left big fat bruises on my backside.  
And now you come to see me  
when I have turned 10 years old, you apologize  
and say I will love you until I'm dead and gone  
I believed you but you turned around  
and did it again.  
I have turned 13 now  
I'm living with my dad  
his wife and his kids  
I don't see you around anymore  
I guess that means you don't care.  
You weren't there  
to see me graduate from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
You weren't even there  
to see me celebrate my 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
But I guess you can say  
that I'm growing up now  
growing up without a mother in my life  
so look at me now.



Mom I'm making it on my own  
'cause I'm tired of looking back  
hoping you will come  
but I found out that I'm just wasting my time  
instead of leaving the past behind.

## Alone

I am alone  
I have no home  
I am brave but  
I'm not OK  
I'm smart  
but I'm no genius  
I have no food  
but I get what I can  
though I am alone  
I try my best  
to go on  
but every time I try  
I remember  
that I am alone.