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My mother grew up in a very wealthy \_\_\_\_\_ Noun in Massachusetts, for her father was an \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ at MIT as an engineer. He died very young and there was a series of unfortunate events that took place in her \_\_\_\_\_ Noun that left them a little more economically disadvantaged. They were able keep their house in the \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective community, but they were barley holding on to their home. As my \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ grew older, she developed a mental illness, something her family had been unable to deal with. When my mother had me, she had been working, but the \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural from pregnancy contributed to her mental illness worsening. She was no longer able to work and welfare ended up being a safety net for her and I. I was on welfare for the first ten years of my \_\_\_\_\_ Noun (1982 through the early nineties), for I was a dependent child upon my mother's care. We \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Past Tense \_\_\_\_\_ in programs such as Wick and food stamps, and I even \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Past Tense \_\_\_\_\_ to head start. We also had housing through Section 8. I remember when I was very young, my mother and I were on a \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Present Tense list for more appropriate housing for almost two years. The two of us had been living in a one-room studio \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ that had \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_ and rats. My mother had gone back to school, trying to get her Bachelor's Degree, but her illness had again prevented her from \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Present Tense \_\_\_\_\_ her education. We hung on by the \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ of our teeth frequently. I remember getting a thousand dollars from a family member to buy back to \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ clothing and \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ necessities. Within a week or two of buying these desperately needed items, there was a fire in our \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ building, and we lost everything. There was no recovering because of course we had no \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ for renter's insurance, and so we had to start all over again. We again had to be \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Past Participle \_\_\_\_\_

on the list for \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ housing because now we were living in a motel room, which was all that we could afford, while we waited for supported \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ housing. Mostly all of the children and \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_ we interacted with in the apartment buildings that we \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Past Tense \_\_\_\_\_ in were also on public assistance.