

WWU – Woodring - Multicultural Faculty Fellows

Marilyn Chu

I am from the motor city,

Naming mustangs, Fords, Chevys and more by three.

Yes I am for a “bailout”. Do you want to see a city die?

I am from the sawdust of the John R Fruitmarket,

Butcher shop and deli, blood mixed with dust,

Traveling down Woodward Avenue on the bus,

I am from the neighborhood of big families,

Me, youngest of a small family of six,

My friends from the more normal size families of 10, 12, 14.

I am from Shrine of Church of the Little Flower,

Magnet catholic school meeting kids from all over.

I have siblings who traveled, opening doors for me.

India, Africa, Dominican Republic.

Irish-Italian and Chinese family now.

Journey of teaching my children and toddlers and adult students

Teaching me about languages and culture and learning.