My Mom

If I am beautiful, it’s because I look like you.
If I am strong, it’s because you showed me
that I can do anything I set out to do.
If I make a mistake, it’s because you showed me
how to pick myself up and move on and learn from it.
If I am kind to strangers, it’s because you showed me
the meaning of compassion

If I am a good friend, it’s because you taught me
to treat people the way I’d like to be treated.
If I am a good Christian, it’s because you taught me
to pray when I’m at a loss and need help.
If I am wise, it’s because you taught me
if I don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say it at all.

When life wasn’t always good to you,
you always made it positive.
You are the strongest woman I know.
I am thankful for your wisdom, advice,
and your words of encouragement.
I am thankful for everything you are
and everything I aspire to be.
I am most thankful that I can proudly call you
my mom.