## MOTHERS DAUGHTERS By Ecila Mai (AB)

The first smile I knew Shielded, rooted and raised me That was my mother

We are intertwined Sometimes with a few missteps Always with much love

Mothers grow up too They teach as they learn themselves They evolve like you

Daughters' revelation No matter how distinct I am I see her in me

My mom is fire Exploding sparkling brilliance Absolute firecracker

Mother child bond Though life is not forever Death does not sever

She has prayed often Mostly forgets her own self Cried ... for her Children