

I Am A Butterfly

Acceptance, togetherness, and act of fairness

To be equal to others

We as women know what we want

We will not stop or give up until we get it

Like The Butterflies of the Dominican Republic

We grow and we spread our wings to fly

The Mirabal Sisters, who brought freedom and equality

To the country of my ancestors

To the feminists of Latin America

That stand against racism

When they enter this country as immigrants

I stand by who I am

I stand by where my family is from

I am a Butterfly and I am proud of my heritage

As a Puerto Rican – Dominican woman

I am a Butterfly and I will spread my wings to fly

No matter how you say I can't!

SISTERS

Eight years stand between my big sister and I

Like raising two only children my mom used to say

I sometimes wondered how we had the same mother and father

We're both different in looks and personality

She's the more beautiful one; I'm the plainer one

She had more friends; I barely had some

She's more outgoing; I was the introvert

She had the better love life; I never really had one

Our cousin was more like a sister to her than I was

Even though we couldn't be more different, we both shared wonderful moments

Going to the amusement park together and riding roller coasters five times

Sneaking through the window after she had forgotten her house key

Teaching me how to survive middle and high school without losing your sanity

Sharing a love for musical theater like Wicked and Hairspray

Watching The Notebook 50 times and singing along to Spongebob songs in the car

Being her bridesmaid and the only level-headed person at her wedding

No matter how far apart in age we are, we've both bonded so much

We might've have had our moments, but I still love my sister

90s Baby

Born in 1997, I had seen everything

SpongeBob was the best cartoon around

Boy Bands like N'Sync made all the teen girls go insane

Singers like Britney Spears, Avril Lavigne, & Christina Aguilera were all the rage

Computers were bulkier and noisier desktops, confined to one spot of the house

VHS tapes and VCRs were how we recorded our shows

Hulu was basic cable and clunky TVs you occasionally hit to get the picture to work

Before iTunes & Netflix, you had a Portable DVD player as your streaming device

Video game graphics were going 3D, but looked horrible & glitchy

TV networks cared for quality TV instead of airing questionable shows

Movies didn't bomb so much or have horrible actors

Blackberries, Slide phones and PDAs were the iPhones of today

LeapFrog readers were the kid-friendly tablets we give to kids now

Netflix sent out DVDs in the MAIL

Schools used chalkboards and kindergarten was a WHOLE day

IPods were \$20 Wal-Mart CD players

We read books made out of PAPER, not on e-readers

Oh how I reminisce those days of the late 90s and early 2000s