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Mom and dad,
I can see that I'm just a Hmong daughter to you;
A Hmong womyn.
I'm not a son; I'm not a man,
but I can share with you
and I can show you what,
mankind can't.
Success and happiness
doesn't only come in the form of a son, a man.

Because:

I can sweep away the clouds and give you the light of the sun,
I can quench your thirst and carry you gallons of the ocean,
I can build you shelter; gardens and show you resources of the earth,
I can create art; life and make wonders of the stars,
I can fill your hunger up and give you the riches by the wealth of my love.
But that can only be a reality to you
If you,
open up to receive me, welcomingly
as your daughter; a womyn.



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