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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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