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Our ‘Mami’ of five and an angel flown
‘Wela’ and ‘Great GrandWela’; so many you saw grow
But your love for us all will forever remain
Though your time has now come to let go
We are left with our memories to treasure
Playing ‘Jacks’ with us, sat on the floor
Sewing our clothes and the neighborhoods’ too!
    Bits of you that we all just adore!

Your novellas and watching ‘Imitation of life’
Your favorite movie by far
Wafts of ‘Ambush’ perfume and those fuchsia lips
Little things that made all that you are!
And the time we were left in the kitchen
With the rolled out ‘pastelillos’ dough
We had a dough fight, but you covered our plight
Cleaned and scolded, so ‘Papi’ wouldn’t know!

Your famed Spanish sayings would make us all laugh
But such wisdom lay deep in those words
In our teenage years ‘ande asi’ was the one
Walk straight, do the wise thing – we heard!
    ‘Se tocas con los ojos!’
‘Touch with your eyes!’ was another
Just too many to recount, but ‘Mami’ taught us well
Unique lessons in life – dear, sweet Mother

But your love for us all was never in doubt
I realized, as I had my first child
You comforted and consoled me, wiping my fears
And you’ll always walk close by my side
As you leave to be with your Lord and Savior
He has welcomed you with open arms
And your lessons and love will stay here in our hearts
As you protect us, and keep us from harm

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