



★ **The Brighter I Shine**

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An Armenian child of refugees muses on ancestral stories as vehicles of connection and identity in this moving picture book. Though far from the places her ancestors called home, she embraces the traditions they passed down to her, such as traditional birthday dishes and dried herbs and flowers for decor. As her mother helps her read a birthday card from her grandmother—written in Armenian—the little girl comes to see the stories of her family in a whole new light.

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