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The Soundtrack of My Life

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“Hush little baby, don’t say a word, mama’s going to buy you a mockingbird.” Those are the lyrics to a lullaby that soothed my

They consider me as one of them. They love me and I love them too. Each and every time I hear “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” my mind flashes episodes of the event. It displays a lot of pictures, such as my aunt sewing a preschool uniform for me and my brother, using a log bathroom, a red tomato on a basket in front of my uncle’s bike, and the delicious baked smells that came out of a clay oven which was dug into the ground.

The emotionally powerful memories that I got from the impact of this music educated me about how to make my kids’ life enjoyable. The “Buffalo Soldier” by Bob Marley has a huge influence in my life. In 1983 my uncle, Arafat, moved to my family’s home during his last year of college. I was ten years old, the oldest child for my parents. At that age, I was starting to compare my family’s lifestyle with other families, due to talking and chatting with my friends and watching TV. I kept complaining to my parents that our lifestyle was classic and boring. We had to go to bed very early, we never went to the movie theater, we didn’t have any fun

