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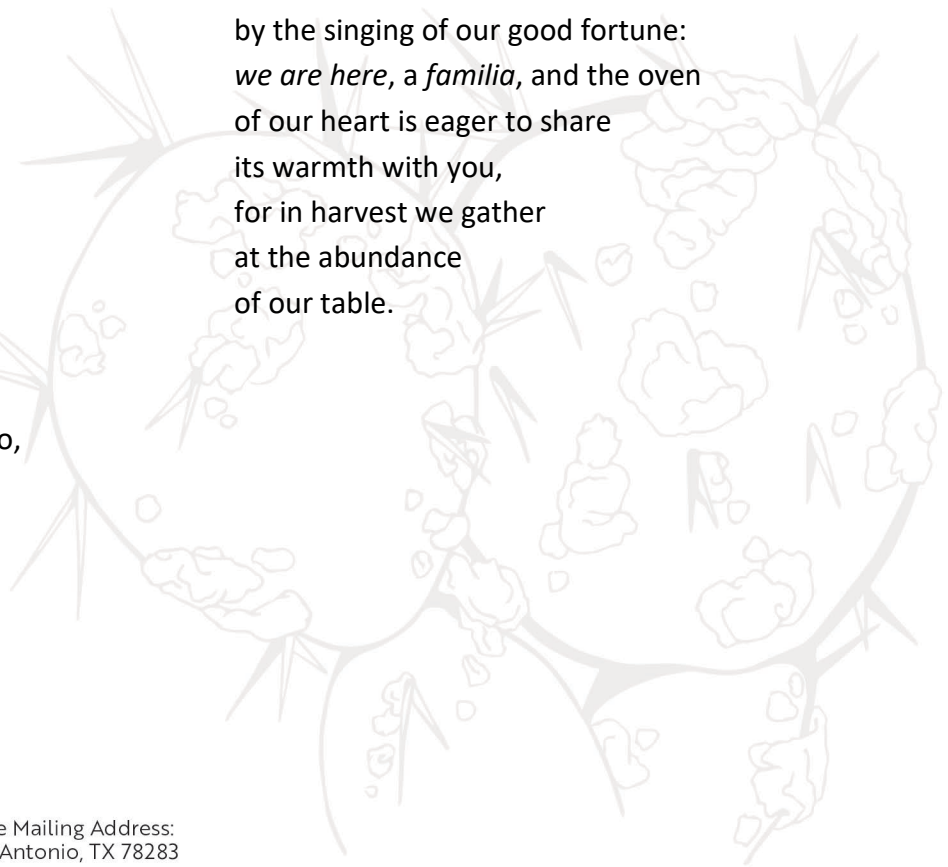
**SAN ANTONIO**  
CITY OF GASTRONOMY

Designated  
UNESCO Creative City  
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## Sustenance Octavio Quintanilla

Yes, we came hungry, all of us  
making a rich, delicious stew  
out of all the cultures  
and histories we have come  
to call home: Indigenous,  
Spanish, Mexican,  
German, all  
of our descendants  
that made this guiso  
de cultura y alimento,  
a blending that sustains us.  
In this city, we are  
the alphabet of squash  
and catfish, wild  
onion and false garlic,  
all the roots  
that bond us  
to this land.  
Yes, we relish  
our grandmother's cooking,  
her tamales, her nopalitos,  
her arroz con pollo.  
We crave our mother's menudo,  
her calabacita con puerco,  
her tortillas de harina.

Here, in this flavorful city  
born and raised  
from the mud and clay  
of Yanaguana,  
River City,  
San Antonio,  
where love is the window  
we won't close, where love  
is the window  
we open on sunny days  
to see the sky  
or watch our children  
chase a ball, or be chased  
by the singing of our good fortune:  
*we are here, a familia,* and the oven  
of our heart is eager to share  
its warmth with you,  
for in harvest we gather  
at the abundance  
of our table.



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