

A Poem for Our Nana, Ruby Fisher

Nana, Ruby Fisher, a name wrapped in love
A soul sent to us from Heaven above
A great cook, a caretaker, a grandmother true
So much of our hearts will forever hold you

We remember the days, young and broke college students in school
Before I even met you, you followed love's rule
You'd send Tyreace back with food packed so tight
Enough to feed us for a week, every bite
We'd laugh and request it, the love always showed
In every pan, every dish, your care overflowed

When Ayanna and London were small, and still until this day
You never missed birthdays, your love found a way
Even for me, you'd send a little something too
And this birthday, Nana, I sure did miss you
You'd smile and say, "Hey, you get you something nice"
Simple words, full of love, more precious than price

Checks in the mail, your love sealed inside
But if we missed the deposit, we couldn't hide
If it bounced, well, we heard your fuss loud and clear
Yet somehow you always made the love reappear

We'd sip and we'd dance, laughter in the air
With Smirnoff so blue, your "top shelf" flair
But the day you met Tito's, we laughed at the call
"No, no, no, I like my Tito's" and that was all

And Nana, for me, you gave the greatest gift yet
You gave me Tyreace, a love with no regret
When I was expecting, you told me so true
"We are your family, and we'll care for you"

You fed me the tea, yes, the gossip lol
But you balanced it with love, the truest of all
Stories of family, of laughter, of care
With every word, you showed us you were there

Your last words still echo, tender and strong
"If I have it, it's yours, I'll help you along"
You knew our struggles, you knew our fight

Your wisdom a lantern, still shining bright

So today I will lift my dress hem
Cut a rug, dance bold, like we did back then
For you were our Nana, our heart, and our guide
Our forever Ruby, forever Nana forever by our side

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