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Appreciate my parents with something other than just a smile

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see them every day
The same face
Same eyes,
Same nose
Same lips,
Same attitude
Do I take them for granted?
Maybe I don't know
But, I know I wouldn't want to lose them
Mom, can I buy this?"
'Yeah, go ahead", she said.
Silence
I had gotten used to her agreeing that
it came as something natural
promise myself I'd show how much I

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I replied back with love
("Yeah, I'd love some. Thank you, Mom")
"Vâng, con muốn ăn, Cảm ơn mẹ"
These 6 words were how they communicated love
("Hey, do you want some fruit?")
"Ăn trái cây không?"
Now as I work on vocalizing my love, this is what I can show them
But you can see it in my eyes and way the corners of my lips curve up
You might not hear me say it,
so hard for me to say?
Why are these phrases
"I Love You"
"Thank You"
I wish I'd express my love and appreciation more
but I fall back to my old habits