

# *Maverick, Boston*

## Statement



*Halloween, Maverick 2009*

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Leaving one's country, its landscape, language and traditions can be very hard. The experience of exile has been shared by many, in a time characterised by cross-cultural movements, emigration, exile and displacement on a greater scale than ever before. This is due to a tangle of reasons such as political repression, war and economic difficulty.

By exploring the experiences of a few immigrant families from the Caribbean, Central and South America who are currently based in Maverick, East Boston, I hope to reflect not only on their strong sense of family, their vulnerability and resilience but also on the ambivalence that they feel. The community of the church Parroquia del Santisimo Redentor provides them with a connection to their past, language and culture, which they hope to pass onto their children.

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