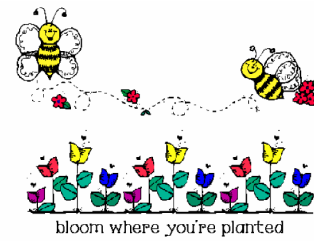


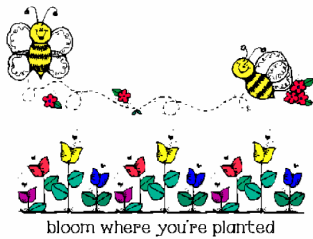
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She turned me to the sunshine  
and encouraged me to dream,  
Fostering and nurturing  
the seeds of self-esteem...  
And when the winds and rain came,  
she protected me enough--  
But not too much because she knew  
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.  
Her constant good example  
always taught me right from wrong--  
Markers for my pathway  
that will last a lifetime long.  
I am my Mother's garden.  
I am her legacy-  
And I hope today she feels the love  
reflected back from me  
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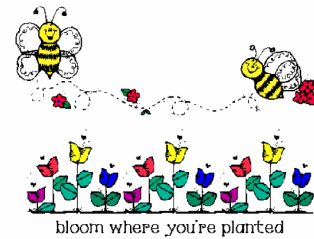
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