

## Home

Home is a place where your heart resides—  
A residence of belonging with a framework of pride.

Physically made of bricks and stones,  
Emotionally cemented by the bonds of the home.  
With rose-tinted windows that permeate sunlight,  
And doors that barricade the dangers of night.

Decorated and embellished over the years  
With love and compassion; laughter and tears.  
It envelops one's heart, spirit, and mind  
With an identity that's one of a kind.  
But the house modernizes and changes with time  
As life experiences shape its design.

The place where most of life lessons are learned,  
It's the home to which one longs to return  
Especially when life gets heavy and weighted--  
The home is the remedy so dearly awaited.

For it's the place that restores and revives  
The inner spirit trying to survive.  
For the home is not just a structural space,  
It's family, support, and a welcome embrace.

A temporary structure with a permanent hold  
Of one's mind, one's heart, one's spirit, one's soul.

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