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“What Makes It Home”

Though it can be, home doesn't have to be a place. Home is a feeling. Homes include comfort, love and happiness. Home is always brought with, like how a turtle brings his shell. Sometimes home is brought through memories in handheld objects and necessities that we feel we must bring with us because love and happiness radiate through them. But other times we just need family and company, and love is brought through each other.

In times of fear, like when hurricanes are predicted to sweep through our cities, we're together with a few extra outfits and special belongings that comfort us. But most of all, we're together, either evacuating on the road or huddling away from harm and windows that may break.

You may miss your old house or be sad because you don't remember it. But what you miss, your old house, is now hollow. What you want comes with you, and that's home. Your friends include home, even if you leave them behind. They're in your hearts, they're not gone.

Even travelling with my family, hotels and apartments are small, but they're home because we're together.

Some leave behind family and friends either to be with other family, get a successful job, or escape threats. Some people grow up with some family on the other side of the world because one of their parents is from there.

In my home, grandparents' homes, aunts' and uncles' homes, I'm surrounded by love, no matter how often I see them. I feel at home. I am cared for, entertained, and educated. But most of all, I'm loved. And I'm happy. My home, whether it's here or on the other side of the world, is filled with love and happiness. All homes are meant to be that way.

Some people might mistake homes for being houses, but they're not. Home means love, comfort and happiness.