Home Sweet Home

**My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,**

**in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.**

***(Isaiah 32:18)***

**Most people bitten by snakes are bitten in their own yards. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**We have not really budged a step from home until we take up residence in someone else’s point of view. *(John Erskine)***

**The one time when you can’t go home is when home is where you already are. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

**A house that does not have one worn, comfy chair in it is soulless. *(May Sarton, in Journal of a Solitude)***

**The home is not the one tame place in the world of adventure. It is the one wild place in the world of rules and set tasks. *(G. K. Chesterton)***

**I am a mother who also has a career outside the home. Juggling my responsibilities is not always easy. My mother was helping by baby-sitting my son Dirk at her house one day. When I stopped to pick him up after work, Mom told me that Dirk had followed her into the bedroom as she put some things away in the closet. “Grandma,” he asked, “what room is this?” “This is a closet, Dirk,” she explained. “We don’t have a room like this in our house,” he said. “Of course you do,” she insisted. “You have lots of closets at your home.” When he again denied having closets at our house, she tried another tack. “Where do you keep all your clothes?” she asked. A true child of the times, he replied, “In the dryer.” *(Shari Hanson, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Last week I told my wife I needed a home-improvement loan. She gave me $10,000 to move out. *(Rodney Dangerfield)***

**There are a number of things wrong with Washington. One of them is that everyone has been too long away from home. *(Dwight Eisenhower)***

**An acquaintance had just returned from an extensive European tour. “Oh, you should have been with us!” she exclaimed, her face beaming. “It was a dream come true. The scenery! The climate! The food! The beaches! The museums!” She paused for one brief moment, gave a hefty sigh and blurted out, “God, it’s good to be home!” *(Stuart L. Spiegel, in Reader’s Digest)***

**When you finally go back to your old hometown, you find it wasn’t the old home you missed but your childhood. *(Sam Ewing)***

The factory that produces the most important product is the home. *(Carol Williams, in Louisville Courier-Journal & Times Magazine)*

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**Some people never feel more at home than when they’re moving from place to place. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

**The one time modern man's home really feels like a castle is when the furnace goes out. *(Paul McElaney, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

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**Home is a place that when you go there, they have to take you in. *(Robert Frost)***

**Some folks make you feel at home. Others make you wish you were. *(Arnold H. Glasow)***

**Earl: “Mooch!” Mooch: “Earl!” Earl: “You found me! Where am I?” Mooch: “In your own backyard!” Earl: “Well, if you’re going to get lost – that’s the place to do it.” *(Patrick McDonnell, in Mutts comic strip)***

**What I found out when I almost sold my house is that a house is not a financial investment. It is part of you. Your fingerprints are on the garden soil. Your life is painted on the walls. Every step you have ever taken is etched on those floors. The dreams you dreamed are just outside the windows. The tears you shed are still on the glass. Does one hear voices there? Of course, and be glad of it. Can you sometimes not go into a room because memories will overwhelm you? Yes, but better than none at all. Those unused dishes remind us of parties we no longer give, and the dining room is too big now. But the house is just the right size to hold the past. And that's how I like it. *(Helen Hayes, with Marion Glasserow Gladney, in Loving Life)***

**When our daughter transferred from a local college to U.C.L.A., it was the first time she had lived away from home. Surprisingly, there wasn't a hint of homesickness during our weekly telephone conversations. One evening, I was relieved to detect gladness in her voice as she spoke of coming home for the holiday break. "We were all talking last night," she reported, "about how great it will be to get home for a while." "Really?" I said, almost tearfully. "Yes," she continued. "Everybody said the same thing. You can always talk to your parents on the phone, but you sure miss your dog!" *(Jacqueline Buie, in Reader's Digest)***

Where we love is home -- home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts. *(Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.)*

**In football, what are the odds the home team will beat the visiting team? Home team has won three times out of four, historically. *(L. M. Boyd)***

Home is an invention on which no one has yet improved. *(Ann Douglas, in New York Times)*

**When Lassie came home, it was to Yorkshire, England. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Home lies in the things you carry with you everywhere and not the ones that tie you down. *(Pico Iyer, author)***

**Fifty-two percent of U.S. adults ages 18 to 29 are now living at home with their parents. Many moved back after losing jobs during the pandemic. *(Vox.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, November 6, 2020)***

**A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it. (George Moore)**

**First animal: “I’m opening my home as a safe haven for all animals.” Second animal: Do you think that’ll work?” First animal: “It worked for me.” *(Patrick McDonnell, in Mutts comic strip)***

**Overpopulation begins at home. *(Janet Simonson, in Reader's Digest)***

**The fellow who owns his own home is always just coming out of a hardware store. *(Frank McKinney Hubbard)***

**A man can live well even in a palace. *(Marcus Aurelius)***

**One is always at home in one's past. *(Vladimir Nabokov)***

**Still standing are the personal residences of every U.S. president except one. Can you name him? William McKinley. There’s no place left McKinley called home. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A very slothful salamander: Deep inside an aquatic cave system in Bosnia and Herzegovina, scientists have found what might be the world's ultimate homebody: the olm. A team of divers monitored a population of these rare, blind salamanders for more than eight years, in which time the olms typically moved less than 32 feet. Incredibly, one olm stayed in exactly the same spot for more than seven years. Also known**

**A reader contributed this one: “Home is where you can say anything you want, because nobody will listen to you anyway.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Scots outside Scotland outnumber Scots inside Scotland by a 7-to-1 ratio. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Of every 1,000 senior citizens who retire to Florida, 481 eventually move, usually back to their original location. *(Marketwatch.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, November 2, 2007)***

**The great advantage of a hotel is that it is a refuge from home life. *(George Bernard Shaw)***

**Show us a home with young children and we’ll show you a home where every pack of cards counts out at between 37 and 51. *(Bill Vaughan)***

**You sometimes think of the homeless? Consider John Howard Payne, the wanderer who never had a home. He died as he’d lived, alone and destitute. Payne wrote the most popular song of his century: “Home, Sweet Home.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A good reason to stay away from home is that home is where most accidents happen*.* *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**The home should be the center but not the boundary of a woman's life. *(Margaret Thatcher)***

**John Howard Payne, who wrote the song “There’s No Place Like Home” spent most of his life traveling – and rarely had a home of his own. *(Charles Reichblum, in Knowledge in a Nutshell, p. 85)***

**For travel to be delightful, one must have a good place to leave and return to. *(Frederick B. Wilcox, in Unicorns and Tadpoles)***

**When I can no longer bear to think of the victims of broken homes, I begin to think of the victims of intact ones. *(Peter De Vries, writer)***

**Visitors should behave in such a way that the host and hostess feel at home. *(J. S. Farynski)***

**Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave, and grow old wanting to get back to. *(John Ed Pearce, in Louisville Courier-Journal & Times Magazine)***

**Where is home? Home is where the heart can laugh without shyness. Home is where the heart's tears can dry at their own pace. *(Vernon G. Baker, in Hartford, Connecticut, Courant)***

**Woman: “Do you believe a woman’s place is in the home?” Man: “Your home or mine?” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Helga says to her woman friend as she observes Hagar fighting a battle inside the house: “Have you noticed how more and more people seem to be working at home these days?” *(Chris Browne, in Hagar the Horrible comic strip)***

**You’ve got to live somewhere you aren’t afraid to die. *(Serhiy Zhadan, Ukrainian poet)***

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