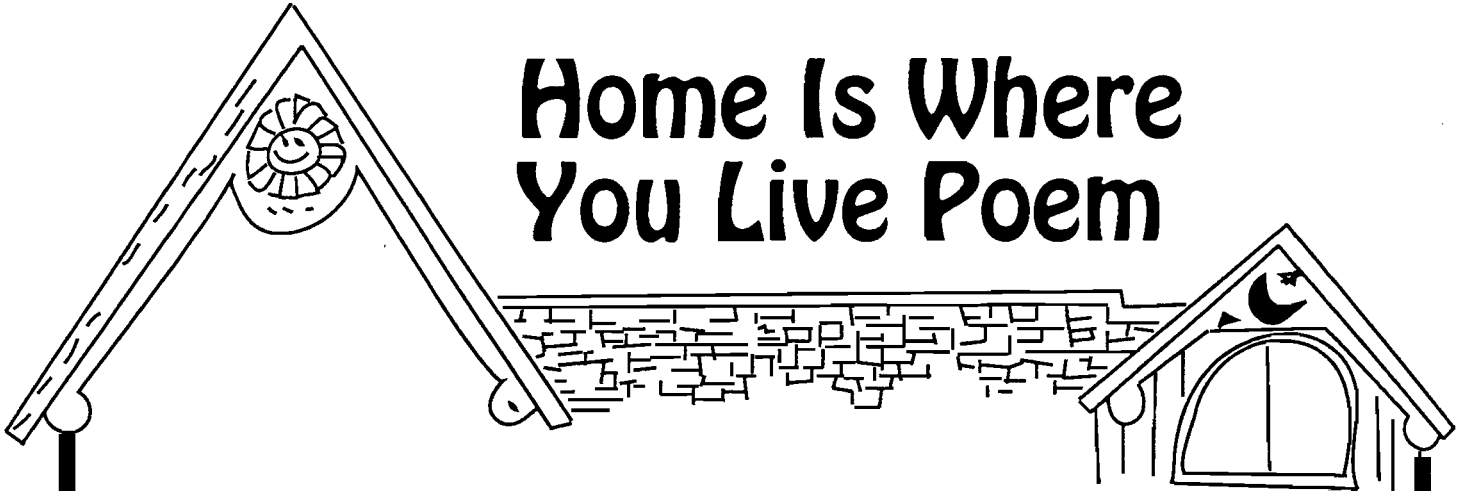


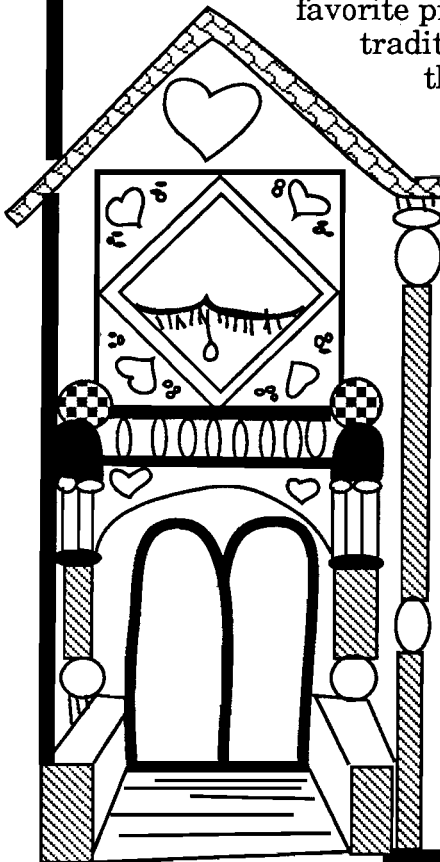
Home Is Where You Live Poem



Hubert and Klaus lived in a castle on the top of a great hill. Because he was older Hubert felt it was his responsibility to care for his younger brother. Klaus could stand it no longer, collected his half of the family fortune, and set out into the world alone. Even though Hubert offered help, Klaus refused and built and enclosed his new home with a stone wall. As the last rocks were placed, the wall swayed and then crumbled, leaving Klaus's castle in ashes. Undaunted by the ruins, he perseveres in making a new attempt to find his niche in the world.

The Castle of the Two Brothers, by Aileen Friedman, Holt, 1972.

The free verse pattern can be framed in the shape of the "house" of a favorite picture book character. The following example shows how the traditional "book report" can be made into poetry. The segments of the poem which are underlined are left blank to complete.



This is the house where _____ lives.

This is where

This is where

And you can hear

And you can see

And you can feel

And _____ cares.