

## **For a New Home taken from To Bless this Space Between Us**

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May this house shelter your life.  
When you come in home here,  
May all the weight of the world  
Fall from your shoulders.

May your heart be tranquil here,  
Blessed by peace the world cannot give.

May this home be a luck place,  
Where the graces your life desires  
Always find the pathway to your door.

May nothing destructive  
Ever cross your threshold.

May this be a safe place  
Full of understanding and acceptance,  
Where you can be as you are,  
Without the need of any mask  
Or pretense or image

May this home be a place of discovery,  
Where the possibilities that sleep  
In the clay of your soul can emerge  
To deepen and refine your vision  
For all that is yet to come to birth.

May it be a home of courage,  
Where healing and growth are loved,  
Where dignity and forgiveness prevail;  
A home where patience of spirit is prized,  
And the sight of the destination is never lost  
Though the journey may be difficult and slow.  
May there be great delight around the hearth.  
May it be a house of welcome  
For the broken and diminished.

May you have the eyes to see  
That no visitor arrives without a gift  
And no guest leaves without a blessing.