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When Your Temporary Address Becomes Your Permanent Home

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When your temporary address becomes your permanent home
A lot needs to be done that's left undone
The drive dries up in the limited vision of the sky above
Natural beauty getting tattered, beaten up by the gaze of the onlooker—a thinker—or a procrastinator.
Is it the fault of the address or the addressee?
The pain and labour behind creating a permanent home
Careful screening of uneventful daily dose of dramatic verses pouring from the walls of a temporary address
Achieves a status of its own, an identity as the address changes
From being a location to a real place
A place of belonging... of being and of some standing
Address gives us a strong background
To our innovative ideas...
Without it, people stare blank
They need an address
For identification, for keeping that silly conversation going
From post to pillar running is okay till you have an address
Of your own—to return to—to rest in.

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