



A HOUSE, A HOME

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ABOUT THE POETESS

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Lorraine M. Halli is an American poet born on December 8, 1921 in Saint Peter, Minnesota, USA. Her writing style is simple yet thought provoking. In this poem she aims to make a clear distinction between a house and a home.



INTRODUCTION OF THE POEM

In this poem the poet has explained the importance of family and the difference between a house and a home. The members are bonded with ties of love and respect.



A House, A Home

What is a house?
It's brick and stone
And wood that's hard.
Some window glass
And perhaps a yard.
It's eaves and chimneys
And tiles floors
And stucco and roof
And lots of doors.

What is a home?
It's loving and family
And doing for others.
It's brothers and sisters
And fathers and mothers.
It's unselfish acts
And kindly sharing
And showing your loved ones.



HOUSE



HOME



SUMMARY

- A house and home are not the same thing. They differ in many ways. A house is a set of rooms made of brick and stone. It has an open ground, tile floors, cement on walls. A home is a living unit. It means a family. It has parents and children. They take care of each other. They work selflessly and co-operate to meet their basic needs.



Write any three differences between a house and a home .

HOUSE	HOME
It is a physical structure or a building .	It is a place where a family dwells .
It is made of bricks , stucco , stone etc .	It consists of elders , parents and children .
It is made up of various non-living things .	Living beings dwell in a home .



VOCABULARY WORDS

- YARD
- WOOD
- EAVES
- CHIMNEYS
- STUCCO
- UNSELFISH
- SHARING
- TILE FLOORS



WORD MEANING

- Yard – a garden in the house
- Eaves – edge of the sloping roof
- Stucco – cemented plaster
- Unselfish – without any motive
- Share – work together
- Lots – so many



RHYMING WORDS

- DOOR – FLOOR
- YARD – HARD
- OTHERS – MOTHERS



Theme of the poem

- Family is the central theme of the poem. It is the most important building block of the society. A family consists of fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters. It is a place where we love, share and care for each other. Living in a family enables one to develop values and ethics.

