

Going Home - by Lorelei Pepe

I always look forward to a vacation with great anticipation but when it is ended, I feel a little let down. I do like putting the key in the door and realize I can sleep in my own comfy bed at night. I have great memories that last for awhile too.

I think of Dorothy in the "Wizard of Oz" who wanted to go home so badly the entire movie was based on it. She always said "there is no place like home". It was a bit nostalgic for me and made me think.

For many of us our home should be our safe haven, where we can relax and enjoy experiences with family and friends. Sometimes I feel there is a void and a yearning. Maybe because I know my true home on earth is not my final destination and that in heaven I will be with Jesus and have eternal life. Sometimes it's hard to picture, but that's where faith comes in.

I have vivid dreams sometimes and try to remember them but one does reoccur that I am flying in the sky and looking down on an open house- it has no roof so I can see there are many rooms inside. I seem to fly in and out of them but they are empty. This also makes me think of the Bible passage in John 14:1-4 where Jesus told his disciples he would go ahead and prepare a place for them. Many rooms - mansions for all. In Hebrews 11:16, we are told we desire a better home, and that God has prepared a place for us.

So when life becomes a bit overwhelming on those "down" days I look up and hope and stare into space. I know somewhere out there a better life is waiting.

And then I go on.....keeping the faith, believing, enduring and remembering!