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The Little House

As a child, one of Sandra Cisneros' favorite books was *The Little House* by Virginia Lee Burton. The following is an excerpt from this story:

Once upon a time
there was a Little House
way out in the country.
She was a pretty Little House
and she was strong and well built.
The man who built her so well said,
"This Little House shall never be sold
for gold or silver and she will live to see
our great-great-grandchildren's
great-great-grandchildren living in her."

The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton
Houghton Mifflin Company Boston 1969

Identify the traits you think Cisneros is looking for in a house.

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| _____ 1. | permanent | _____ 6. | strong | _____ 11. | pretty |
| _____ 2. | feeble | _____ 7. | attractive | _____ 12. | brawny |
| _____ 3. | enduring | _____ 8. | loathsome | _____ 13. | stable |
| _____ 4. | rattletrap | _____ 9. | picturesque | _____ 14. | decrepit |
| _____ 5. | rural | _____ 10. | ancestral | _____ 15. | snug |

WNB #3 - Rewrite the excerpt from *The Little House* so that it reflects your home. Be sure to use words that convey the mood of your home. Your poem must be at least 10 lines long.