



# Team 6

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## **If Home is Where the Heart Is**

The idea of this poem came from reading “North Carolina's Homeless: Whose Problem Are They?” by David Perkins and Mike McLaughlin from the NC Center for Public Policy Research. There is a portion within the reading called “Facing Homelessness: The View from the Streets”. It had stories that humanized the humans affected by the hardships of affordable housing at that time. Our group decided to do a realistic fiction poem on a modern-day North Carolinian affected by homelessness and affordable housing to highlight the social, mental, and economic barriers that all intersect from such issues. We believe that poetry is an international medium that can share these complexities of affordable housing, and show that real people are being affected, not just numbers from an article or study.

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