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Partly inspired by Miranda Lambert's song of the same name

Perhaps this momentary trance
Is caused by jetlag and Malaysian humidity
But stepping on these cold marble floors
Still feels like a dream
This white-walled and window-panned house
Holds so much comfort and belonging
It's rather strange being back
Nothing much has changed
The artworks, the smell of baking, and all the memories are still the same
Yet the differences are right there in plain sight
Like how I've forgotten which switch turns on the light
How the wooly carpet isn't there to cushion my falls
And who can ignore the paint chipping off the walls?
The light hanging above my bed
No longer dangles dangerously over my head
Stacks of books still fill my room
A thick coat of dust being the only sign
Of the passage of time
But of course, two years is a long time
Even little Sesame is not so little anymore
And my sister has dreams bigger than before
But still I am glad to be back
Even if for a little while
To this home that makes me smile
To this house that built me
Truly, home is where the heart is