

HOME

I thought HOME was family
I thought HOME was where I lived
I thought HOME was only blood
But it's not.
Home is where you and your partner talk about marriage
Arguing over nothing but then cuddling 5 minutes later
It's where your dog and cat snuggle in your lap from time to time
And interrupt the "alone time" you rarely get with your partner
Home is where you can let loose and act crazy
Singing from the top of your lungs even if it can get annoying
It's where you feel safe and secure and loved
Home is running around while chasing a naked toddler
Tripping over his toys while rewatching Bluey a million times over
Or continuing to tell a 7-year old to do her homework
As she makes up excuses and continuously jumps in your lap
Needing to sneak out because they give puppy dog eyes every time you leave
And it's talking nonsense with your best friend,
having a dirty mind and trying to go through with some very subtle pranks
Home has a guinea pig named after our favorite character which was named by the 2-year old
BABY YODA
Defining home is difficult
Everyone thinks differently
But to me,
It's my Chosen family
Those who have been there no matter what
My home is a wild but safe place
My home isn't a where but a who
My home is my family and friends
The old and the new
From my brother, sister, and dad
To My best friends. Niece and Nephew,
To my love and our new founded family
They are my HOME

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