Search for Home

Is it the sense of belongingness to an indeterminate horizon?
Is it the rootedness in a specific geographical location?
What is it that provides meaning to 'home'?
What gives 'home' a sense, an existence?
For some, home transcends the physicality of self,
For others, home gives the sense of identity,
Rooted deep in its very presence…

'Home' and its varied interpretations...
Find a place in literary and cultural theory,
Its meaning is contested from varied perspectives in philosophy…
It echoes within the conceptualization of self to 'being-in the world'
from Socratic ideas to its phenomenological sense…

Home and the associated 'belongingness' do exist in eternity…
Where the existence gets tied to emotionality,
And home becoming a mental experience, a state of mind…
Where hidden potentialities and creative energies unfold,
Transforming it into a space of emotion and memory…
When by-lanes of memory encapsulates 'home'….

In this search for home and its meaning…
Millions are in the state of homelessness...
Fleeing war, persecution and violence…
Remaining in persistent hopelessness…
Gathering up all courage to find some solace…
Their undaunted spirit searches for a home…
In an unending world, no place to call one's own…

Same is the story of a woman…

When the self gets torn between parental and marital home…

In between, she might not get a room to call her own…

Amidst the conflict of interests and claims…

What one owns and what one doesn't…

'Search' never ends….

It continues…

Till the body transforms into ashes…

Or gets subsumed by earth's patches…

And gets to know that home is nowhere…

Not in this world….

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