

2014 Poetry Q1 Sherrin HOUSE

What makes the house so memorable

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what makes the house so memorable is that is antique “in baroque curls” and the house has a lot of memories because “the sepia of a youth that gazed at him we marvelled at his story.” the house has many historical items “opening a passport crinkled as his hands” the writer also remembered the good times when he used to play hide and seek so that he could go home late.

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The house is memorable because it is an old house that was filled with a lot of memories when the writer was young. While, the writer was young he remembered specifically about everything in the house which means that the house meant a lot to the writer. “The round dinner table had a spinning center, with a lot of food.” It also seems like the poem is about the children’s grandparents house where they would have to just stay and have fun during the day but would have only come back at night when their own father pick them up “but we never stayed the night when we said our byes and piled into dad’s Subaru, reversing home, and to tomorrow’s dreaded school” . This means that the grandchildren would rather stay at their grandparents house rather than going to school.(done)

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The house was memorable as there were ‘baroque curls’ meaning to say that the house was filled with many antiques. Grandpa opened his old passport ‘the sepia of a youth’ with his wrinkled hands as the passport was his during his younger times. The children's loved to play hide n seek there and would dread to go home as they would only be sent to school in dad's subaru which only says that their family is rich and wealthy. They would ‘pretended we were dead’ while playing hide n seek and it shows how much fun the children's were having in their grandparents house. The kids would say their farewell before forcing to look forward to school the next day. It shows that they prefer living in their grandparents house as they get to have fun and enjoy their time there.

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the house was memorable because 'the air smelt faintly of wood' the smell of their grandparents house makes them feel like home. They also had a 'round dinner table' with 'a lot of food' made with love and had plentiful of them. The house was also memorable because it's full of their grandfathers history 'the Sephia of youth that gazed at him' and they also 'marvelled' their grandfathers story . This shows how interested they are towards their grandfathers history. The children also likes their grandmothers room as it gives them 'sudden cold' because the room had an aircon and their grandmother likes to hold their little hands . This shows the love and affection the grandmother has towards the children. Therefore, the house is memorable for them .

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(i) From the grandchildren's point of view, the house is like a playground to them as it is full of furniture for the children to play with, like how the "flowery rug" where they had their "weekly toe-sinking, wriggling fun". This showed that the children visited the house weekly and playing with the rug had become part of their routine. So this makes the house memorable to them as they can look forward to having an exciting time there. Also/Furthermore they find the antique furniture fascinating, describing the "puff dusk rose seats" and the details of the chair in a "in baroque curls" shape. Since these seats "regarded us in repose", it means that the children were well-looked after, which allows them to play safely. Moreover, when they get tired, it also provides them a comfortable place to rest. Therefore this house is memorable for them because not only do they get to play amongst the beautiful furniture there, they are also safe and comfortable while playing.

The food that was cooked were their **favourite dishes** and it was served in a **unique way** with "a spinning center" and "Bee hoon, and more". This suggests that there's a plentiful amount of delicious food for their regular reunion lunch and the spinning center that makes the dinner feel like it is a special occasion. Furthermore the food was made with love and an expert style that the grandchildren found similar, as they "looked like what Mum had cooked before", suggesting that the recipes that their grandmother invented were passed down to their mother. Therefore, this house is memorable because not only does the cooking of the grandmother have a more pleasing taste but also, visiting the person who invented the recipe lets them talk about the history and heritage of the food.

The conversations/interactions with their grandparents also make it memorable. Like when the grandchildren went into grandma's "room that had air-con", and used their

“little hands/to knead and speed” suggesting that they are returning the gratitude and love to their grandmother from the food she made at lunch by massaging her to “her noontime nap”. This is memorable because through the act of physical touch they are connecting to their grandma emotionally and taking the time to do this, instead of playing, shows that they treasure her a lot. Even their grandpa is memorable because he shared with them “his story” that left the grandchildren astonished, about what he went through in “China, Swatow; the long way across the sea” just to come and work in Singapore, and showing them his old passports and photos that is “ the sepia of youth” of him settling and growing up in Singapore. This suggests that the grandpa and children enjoyed reminiscing about his past. This means that they are spending quality time together and thus have a strong bond. By getting close to their grandparents, the children therefore have a memorable time in the house to look back at.