

Where the Heart Is

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S: My grandmother came from Odessa
 S: Walked across Europe to get to the sea
 S: She sailed the Atlantic in winter
 S: To the place where my grandfather said he would be.

 S: She pushed through the crowd at the dockside to reach him
 S: He swung her up high and he kissed her sweet smile
 S: He said as they walked through the loud foreign city,
 S: "This may become home, but it could take a while."

 N: But she just shook her head at the strain in his eyes,
 N: Said, "I followed my heart, and the heart never lies.
 N: I will never forget how I loved my own land
 N: But we'll make a true home in the place where we stand
 N: Because home is wherever you reach for my hand."

 S: I was born to the lights of Manhattan,
 S: Knew the pulse of the subway too deeply to speak
 S: Your spirit was bound to the mountains
 S: And I loved you before I had known you a week.

S: I drove all alone through the high plains and prairies
 S: To the warmth and the wit that had struck my heart through;
 S: You smiled as you showed me your forests and flowers
 S: But your eyes held the question my grandfather knew.

 S: But I said, "I will learn to love wide western skies
 S: For I followed my heart and the heart never lies.
 S: I will never forget how I love my own land
 S: But I'll make a true home in the place where I stand
 S: Because home is wherever you reach for my hand."

 N: The water kept rising unnoticed,
 N: A little bit higher and wilder each year
 N: Came a time when we couldn't deny it:
 N: That our home in the hills would too soon disappear

 N: We saved all our money and spoke to the children,
 N: Signed up with these colonists heading for space,
 N: Now we hold the kids high: a last look out the viewport,
 N: You watch the Earth fade through the tears on your face

 S: And I can't speak illusions, the pain to disguise
 S: But we've brought our hearts here and the heart never lies.
 ALL: We will never forget how we love our own land
 ALL: But our family's together through starlight or sand
 ALL: And home is wherever we reach for your hand.