## HOME on Hillside

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In winter, home is cozy, warm, and snug. When someone enters-jacket and snow pants. Sipping hot cocoa in a St. Nicholas mug! Home smells good with flowers in spring. Home holds rakes and my gardening things! Home is covered in leaves in the fall. I jump in the leaves and I'm covered in them all! One day I sit on the couch with my pets all near me. I read a book and start humming. My cat and dog doze with a snore. Then suddenly a frightening bark ruins it all. Then I stand up to peek out the door. I find the mailman doing his thing. I look at the dog who looks as if she was the guard of a king. So I grab the mail and... I realize my cat is gone! I look out the window and say under my breath, "That sneak has gone out on the lawn!" I grab the leash and I'm out again. I find the cat glaring at the neighbors hen. But my pets aren't the most important thing about home... The most important thing about home is...

