

Our Nest
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Twenty-five years ago we started our nest.

Your trust, support and all you brought
gave us the chance to build up
our own humble space.
It was you, your shoulders, sweat,
your sleepless nights and efforts
which gave our nest its shape.

Through your sacrifice, this came to be
a nest now strong
where storm, persecution
and crisis cannot crush
our dream.

In this nest of ours our ills were cured
my own open wounds were healed
the emptiness of our absent families filled
a light coming into the loneliness of our exile
taking root again a harvest
of commitment to our people.

In this nest of ours
meaning came back for hundreds of lives.
We learned to breathe the air of peace
to believe and trust in the world around us
to give our hearts away and
recover trampled dignity.

Our nest brings comfort still
is strong and growing.
More come now in search of
its shade, its shelter.
This healing place needs your nearness still
your constant arm, your breath
that the warmth and spirit
which built up this nest
may thrive and prosper in hard times.
What you bring makes it happen:
new strength and growing service
from this, our nest, our precious dream.