

*The Place Where You Live*

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**Readers Theater**

**All:** This is the place where you live.

**Group/Voice 1:** This is the kitchen, warm and sunny,

**Group/Voice 2:** with tortillas, hot chocolate,

**Group/Voice 3:** and everything yummy,

**All:** here in the place where you live.

**All:** This is the garden,

**Group/Voice 1:** alive and green

**Group/Voice 2:** with peppers and squash

**Group/Voice 3:** that you planted in spring,

**All:** here in the place where you live.

**All:** This is the neighbor

**Group/Voice 1:** who makes sweet cornbread

**Group/Voice 2:** to trade with Grandma

**Group/Voice 3:** for tortillas instead,

**All:** here in the place where you live.

**All:** This is the store

**Group/Voice 1:** just across the street

**Group/Voice 2:** with popsicles and gum

**Group/Voice 3:** and all kinds of sweets

**All:** here in the place where you live.

**All:** This is the school

**Group/Voice 1:** where all your friends go

**Group/Voice 2:** to play at recess,

**Group/Voice 3:** to learn and grow

**All:** here in the place where you live.

*(Everyone whispers)*

**All:** This is the library

**Group/Voice 1:** so very quiet

**Group/Voice 2:** where you read about voyages,

**Group/Voice 3:** magic and giants,

**All:** here in the place where you live.

*(regular volume)*

**All:** This are the trees

**Group/Voice 1:** that grow green and tall

**Group/Voice 2:** with blossoms and fruit

**Group/Voice 3:** and shade for us all,

**All:** here in the place where you live.

**All:** This are the field

**Group/Voice 1:** where you play with your team

**Group/Voice 2 (*loudly*):** and parents cheer,

**Group/Voice 3 (*screaming*):** and your friends scream!

**All:** Here in the place where you live.

**All:** This are the park

**Group/Voice 1:** for your family time

**Group/Voice 2:** where you swing and slide

**Group/Voice 3:** and laugh and climb,

**All:** here in the place where you live.

**All:** These are the carts,

**Group/Voice 1:** ringing, happy bells

**Group/Voice 2:** with hot corn and snow cones

**Group/Voice 3:** that walking men sell

**All:** here in the place where you live.

**All:** These are the lawns,

**Group/Voice 1:** with green grass and bright flowers

**Group/Voice 2:** where you play and you laugh

**Group/Voice 3:** for hours and hours,

**All:** here in the place where you live.

**All:** This is the porch

**Group/Voice 1:** here at your home

**Group/Voice 2:** where you sit with your family

**Group/Voice 3:** when the day is done.

**All:** This is the place where you live.

**All:** These are the arms of your mom and dad

**Group/Voice 1:** hugging you after the long day you've had.

**Group/Voice 2** They love you

**Group/Voice 3:** because you make them so glad,

**All:** here in the place where you live.