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"Me" by Keri Wouden

Sometimes I feel like I don't belong Like I'm the opposite of me So I try to find home: Where the aroma of brownies floats around As I savor the last bite Where the trees sway like dancers To soft music of the wind Where my happiness is a paintbrush That paints a slight smile on my face Where my heart builds enough courage To tell my family I love them Where I feel God's love surrounding me As if it were a great big hug Where peace floods my heart Like a river rushed right into me Where it is calm enough For my thoughts to come spilling out Where people can't judge me Or tell me if I'm right or wrong Where I can focus enough to recognize Every little detail like a hawk Where I'm not pressured To be different than myself But where I'm me and only me.