

Mavis Staples

"A House Is Not A Home"

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A chair is still a chair
even when there's no one sitting there
but a chair is not a house
& a house is not a home
when there's no one there to hold you tight,
& no one you can kiss good night

A room is still a room
even when there's nothing there but gloom;
but a room is not a house,
& a house is not a home
when the two of us are far apart
& one of us has a broken heart

Now & then I call your name
& suddenly your face appears
but it's just a crazy game
when it ends it ends in tears

Darling, have a heart
don't let one mistake keep us apart
i'm not meant to live alone
turn this house into a home
when I climb the stairs & turn my key,
ohh, please be there still in love with me

ohohoh, i'm not meant to live alone
turn this house into a home
when I climb the stairs & turn the key,
darling, please be there still in love with me

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