The heart of the countryside

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My countryside home is where the heart is at its gladdest and lightest, like a hot air balloon floating gently over emerald green fields and golden dirt tracks.

My rustic home is where the heart is far from health services, far from those specialists – like cardiologists – who can stop diseases in their concrete-covered tracks.

My bucolic home is where the heart is more likely to fail – liable to stop beating earlier than all those hearts that thump out their rhythms in the city.

My rural home is where the heart is woven into the patterned fabric of a vibrant community, whose median age keeps rising and rising as fond memories fade.

My countryside home is where the heart is destined to be till its last beat.

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