

Where I was born and where I will grow,
Middlesbrough is my home.

I've ventured far across the land,
Beach to beach,
Sea to sand,
The only place I care to know,
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Our riverside stadium,
Our modern art,
Our upcoming music culture
And our local stars
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The revitalisation of Baker Street in town,
The GCSE results of my school,
They make me proud,
Why would I leave such a wonderful town?
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The Bottle of Notes,
The secrets it holds,
I have the freedom to dream and I wonder,
Where will I go?
This is all thanks to the best place I'll ever
know,
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The River Tees,
It flows like my thoughts,
Drifting carelessly,
Yet still,
Something stands tall,
Here I liken my personality to the famous
bridge we all know,
Carrying me safely out of adolescence,
Into the world that you think you know,
I'm giving thanks to the place that protected
me so,
The place that kept me grounded,
A short time ago,
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I'm easily homesick when I leave this town,
The people are happy here,
It's rare to see a frown,
How can you label something you clearly know
nothing about?
It's blatantly a lie,
Without a shadow of a doubt,
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You may argue with statistics,
And try to tell us we're collapsing at the seams,
But you do not live here,
So you cannot see what we see,
How dare you comment on the lives we lead,
You cannot knock us down,
Just because you disagree,
It's where I'm from and where I'll grow,
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Opportunities arise day by day,
Welcoming communities,
Cultures arrays,
Worlds away from the words you used to slate,
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Education is encouraged here and as you will
see,
The youth are cared about,
Yet they are still free,
My voice was given to me,
And I stand here proud with these praises I
sing,
About,
Where I was born and where I will grow,
Middlesbrough is my home.

Here,
I'm allowed to be who I am,
There's a place where I belong,
And it's where I am now,

Ellie Jepson