

Arabic Names for Home

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دار

a world

The meaning of this word can be 'dwelling', or even 'world',
for one can dwell in the hearts of our beloved,
until they become the entire world between these walls.

مسكن

to live, to rest

From the words 'to live,' but it can also mean 'to rest'
or even 'peace.'
but what use is any, when we cannot live or rest in peace?

بيت

home

This word means house, but also family,
and that's why they tear us down—
buildings first, and faces last.

مأوى

refuge

This word means home, a shelter or refuge,
but now we need refuge from our refuge,
while the world shelters itself from our faces,
for our eyes have seen too much—
they have witnessed their silence.

خلاء

independence

The meaning of this word derives from freedom
and independence.

It is to find a home that emancipates you
from the grip of humankind, from their evil.

حصن

fortress

This word means protective dwelling,
for every home should protect the souls
that shelter within its walls
to hold tight their dreams
to hold tight the soul of their soul.