

I've just moved house

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Into a new neighbourhood
Didn't know anyone
Was a little anxious
I'm on a quiet road
At the end of a cul de sac
What about the neighbours, I thought?
Wonder what they are like?
Are they young or old?
Do they have children?
Are they talkative?
Do they like to chat?
Or are they quiet?
And like to keep themselves to themselves?
Keep wondering what the neighbourhood is like
A car pulls up in the drive next door
A man gets out, I introduce myself
And he greets me
In that familiar Irish accent
I recognise the face
And can tell he recognises me
So we get talking
And I find out he's from Mayo
Just like my Mum and Dad
He knows people that I do
And we have much in common
He tells me about the neighbours
And says how friendly they are
He's lived here a long time

And he's been happy here
And wishes me happiness too.

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