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# Carrick on money: My home is the best investment I ever made

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Don't say that to Kyle at the Young and Thrifty blog, or he'll do something gross. [In this post](#) [<http://youngandthrifty.ca/understanding-home-equity-actually-works/>], he questions idea of houses as investments. It may not surprise you that he quotes me questioning the idea of blanket acceptance that homes are investments.

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