Definitions of Moving

This morning, I think of the word *belongings*: what can be moved, what is yours.

Fifty-one years of marriage, the various moves from one state to another. Thirty-five years in the same *house*: a shelter or refuge.

We are moving across town, carful after carful, and soon the big truck will arrive, and all will be *misplaced*: temporarily lost.

We will sleep in a new bed—a sleigh bed I always wanted. I will dream of snow, bells as I did as a child, the wind, *blowing*: to be or cause to be in motion.

I'll wake in a place where the elderly have come to live. I'll pass by them in the halls, in the elevators. I'm now one of them: referring to two or more people or things . . . .

A friend once said to me years ago, in parting, May you *thrive*: prosper; flourish.

— Gail Peck