

Pandora's Box- Week 4 (1.6.20)

The Magic Box

I will put in the box
the swish of a silk sari on a summer night,
fire from the nostrils of a Chinese dragon,
the tip of a tongue touching a tooth.

I will put in the box
a snowman with a rumbling belly,
a sip of the bluest water from Lake Lucerene,
a leaping spark from an electric fish.

I will put in the box
three violet wishes spoken in Gujarati,
the last joke of an ancient uncle,
and the first smile of a baby.

I will put in the box
a fifth season and a black sun,
a cowboy on a broomstick,
and a witch on a white horse.

My box is fashioned from ice and gold and steel,
with stars on the lid and secrets in the corners.
Its hinges are the toe joints of dinosaurs.

I shall surf in my box
on the great high-rolling breakers of the wild Atlantic,
then wash ashore on a yellow beach
the colour of the sun.

by Kit Wright

You can listen to Kit reading the poem at
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zkpmhyc>

You should have now thought about, drawn or made your own magic box. This will help you as you write your own poem over the next two weeks.

Write a list of nine of your favourite things, places or people.

Think about how you could describe them. If you want to draw them to help you with this you can.

My favourite things are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.

Look back at the first three verses of the poem to remind yourself what Kit Wright wrote and how he set out his poem.

You are now going to use your nine favourite things to write the first three verses of your own poem.

Start each verse 'I will put in the box.' Include three of your favourite things in each verse, starting a new line for each thing, just as Kit did in his poem.

You can use the template below if you want.

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