

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 into the box

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

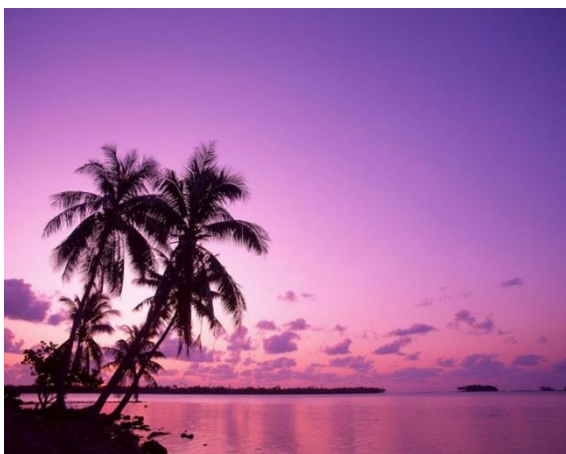
I will put into the box

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



Now what will you put into your box?

- What about sounds, smells and textures?
- What sort of foods would go in?
- What colours and weather?
- What sort of dreams go in, and what sort of feelings?
- Are there things from the natural world, like rivers and mountains?
- Perhaps it has a window in it, or a door leading to somewhere else?

Here are some ideas I had, come up with some of your own, they can be your favourite things, or things you are scared of, or special dreams and memories you want to keep safe.

I will put in my box,

The whisper of a butterfly's wing,

A drop of moonlight from a starry night,

And the feather of a fiery phoenix.

I will put in my box...

I can use descriptive and imaginative vocabulary as well as metaphors to engage my reader

Try to write poem similar to the one we just read, it has 4 stanzas (or verses) and then an extra bit on the end describing the box and the feeling of riding in it.

Try to include some of the following:

- Metaphors/Similes
- Alliteration
- Descriptive vocabulary/Imaginative ideas



Remember you want your reader to know that this box is special and magical, use your writing to show this.

I can use descriptive vocabulary to create an image for my reader

Try to write a poem like the one we have read together, write at least 2 stanzas, starting them with, "I will put in my box"

Try to include some of the following:

- Descriptive vocabulary/ interesting ideas
- Alliteration



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I can use some descriptive vocabulary to make my poem interesting

Try to write at least 1 verse (stanza) of a poem like the one we have read. Starting with "I will put in my box..." and using lots of interesting and imaginative ideas.

You could put in your box some of the following:

- Dreams
- Weather
- Magical animals
- Sounds, smells, tastes or things you can feel
- Colours
- food



Remember you want your reader to know that this box is special and magical, use your writing to show this. There are some ideas on the back of the poem sheet to help you get started.