

★ Apollo was also a Greek god of poetry. Let's do some poetry activities together! Start by sharing this poem with someone at home.

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.

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Now have a go at writing your own Magic Box poem, using Kit's poem for inspiration.

'Talk for Writing' suggest using this approach to get you started:

★ Start by writing a list of your favourite things, people or places. (Ask someone to help you with ideas.)

My eight favourite things, people or places are:

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

★ Now, using Kit Wright's starter line, 'I will put in the box,' organise your nine ideas into three verses.

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**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.**

Think about:

- What is your box made of? Kit Wright's is made of ice and gold and steel.
- What is on or in your box? Kit Wright's has stars on the lid and secrets in the corners.
- What else can you add? Kit Wright has added that its hinges are the toe joints of dinosaurs.

Use your imagination. You can choose anything you like!

★ Write the final verse of your magic-box poem here.

My box is fashioned from

With

Its