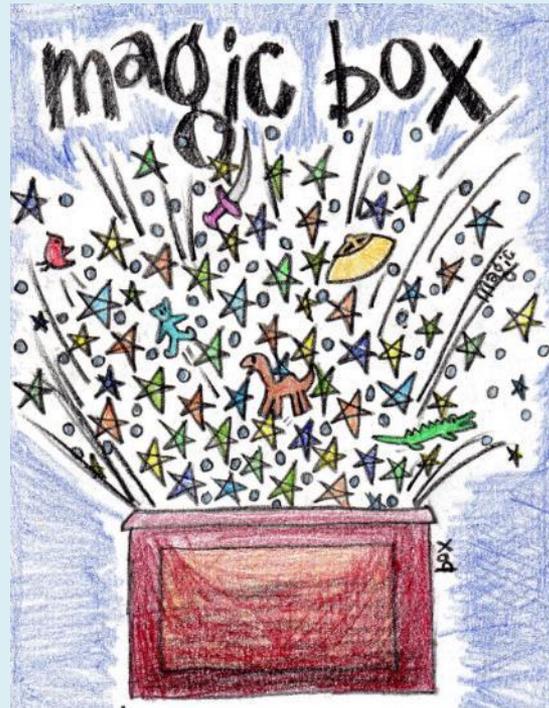


Can you write a poem about  
what you would put in your  
Magic Box



This box is a very special box and it contains things that are important to me. Let's take a look at what's inside...

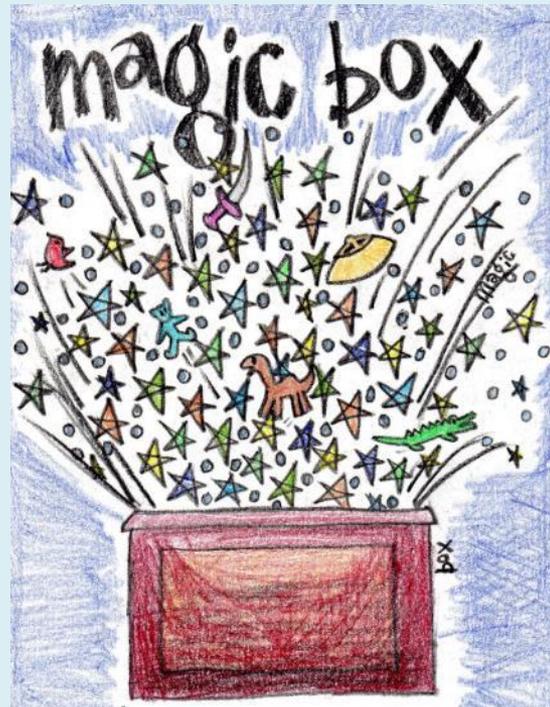


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# MAGIC BOX

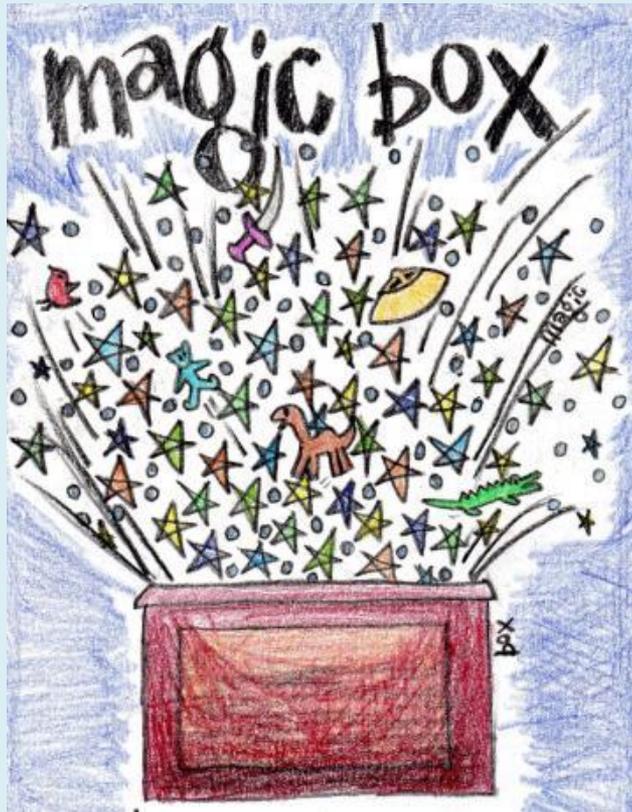
I will put into the box...  
a snowman with a rumbling belly

Kit Wright



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As we read the poem, 'The Magic Box', see if you can identify the sights, sounds, smells and tastes that the writer puts inside the box.



If you would like to listen to the author reading his poem you can use this link.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zkpmhyc>



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# The Magic Box by Kit Wright.

I will put in the box

the swish of a silk sari on a summer night,  
the 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 Lucerne  
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 black sun,  
a cowboy on a broomstick  
and a witch on a white horse.

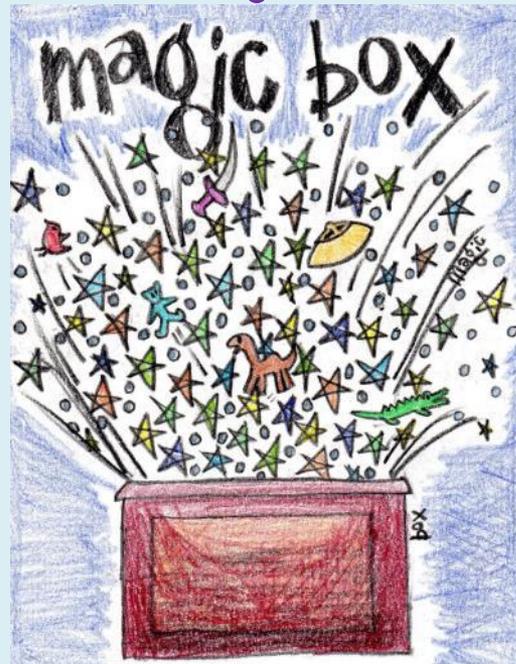
My box is fashioned from ice and gold and  
steel,  
with stars on the lid and secrets in the  
corners.  
it's hinges are the toe joints of dinosaurs.

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.



What do you notice about the pattern of the poem?

How are the last two paragraphs of the poem different?



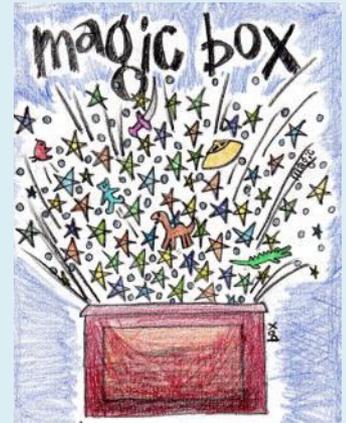
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# MAGIC BOX

Imagine that you have a Magic Box of our own where you could store hopes and dreams, what would you put into it?

I will put in the box...

my mother as she beams at me with pride,  
infectious laughter from every corner of  
the world,  
and my first, best selling novel.



# I will put in the box...



Questions to think about:

What sort of sights would you put in the box?

What sounds, smells and textures would you put in the box?

What sort of dreams and feelings would you put in the box?

Are there things from the natural world you want to put in, like rivers or mountains?



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# Sentence Starters to help with your poem

I will put in the box  
sight  
Smell  
Taste  
Sound  
Dreams



My box is fashioned from

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ on the lid and \_\_\_\_\_ in the corners.

It's hinges are \_\_\_\_\_.

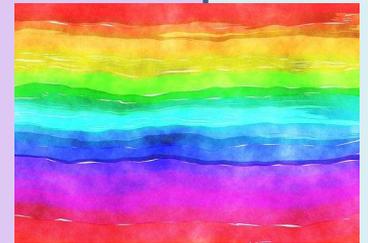
*I will put in the box*

*The first smile from a new born baby,  
the soft scent of a daisy,  
the fizzing bubbles of pink lemonade,  
the call of a bossy garden bird.  
the happiest world*

*I will put in the box*

*The colours of the rainbow,  
the buzz of a bumble bee,  
the fresh smell of grass,  
the zing of a thunder flash.  
the fun of friendship*

*My box is fashioned from dreams  
both old and new,  
with sea glass on the lid and  
secrets in the corners.  
It's hinges are my hopes.*



## The Magic Box

*I will put in the box  
a friendly smile exchanged in a busy street  
the magnificent view from a hilltop in Florence  
a mad dash made through the pouring rain*

*I will put in the box  
the tingles of excitement felt on Eid morning  
the calming words of a great friend  
a favourite memory so that it is never forgotten*

*I will put in the box  
infectious giggles that lead to uncontrollable laughter  
the beautiful smell from a bouquet of lilies  
a beautiful snowdrop glistening majestically*

*I will put in the box  
the delicious sizzling of halva cooking on the stove  
the hug shared with a loved one  
a million different whispered secrets*

*My box is fashioned from platinum and rubies  
with diamonds on the lid and promises in the corners  
it has intricate patterns engraved all the way around*

*I shall take my box to a quiet spot  
on a deserted beach as the waves gently roll in  
watch it glimmering as it sends out rays of hope  
as I bask in the sun*

Every poem is different, as unique as you. What ever you want to include, you can do! Let your imagination have some fun.



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# Now it is your turn

Your box is your own.  
To fill as you please.  
Add lots to its contents.  
Or just a few ideas.

You can write down your ideas in a book of your own.  
Make a few notes and perform in your home.  
Record your ideas on a device of your choice  
You can save or share your poem for others to enjoy  
Or just keep it for yourself  
It's up to you.



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