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

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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
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?
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.
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?
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

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_________________.

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
sight
Smell
Taste
Sound
Dreams

My box is fashioned from
_______ and
____________
with _________ on the lid and
_______ in the corners.
It’s hinges
are_________________.
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
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
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