

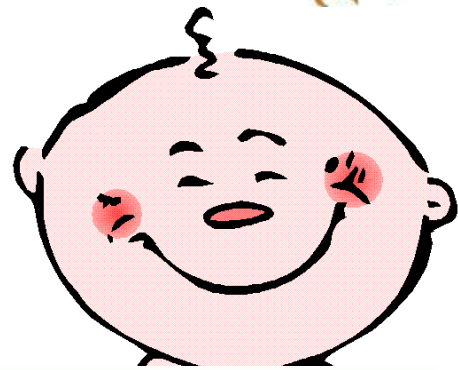


The Magic Box



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 Lucerne,
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



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1. The author uses alliteration when he writes, 'The swish of a silk sari'. Find and copy another example of alliteration.

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2. Give two examples of impossibles.

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3. Find and copy an example of two opposites.

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4. What does the author mean by 'fashioned'?

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5. What are the 'great high-rolling breakers'? What image does this create in your mind?

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6. How do the first four verses differ from the last two verses? (Try to include whereas in your answer)

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7. How do you think the poet feels about this box? Explain your answer.

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8. Where do you think this magic box might be kept? Why?

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