

Listen to Kit Wright read his own poem.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zkpmhyc>

Alternatively, you can also search the Internet for Kit Wright The Magic Box.

Activity 2: I opened the magical door and saw ...

In the poem, Kit imagines what may be contained inside a magical box. We can use this idea to connect to what could be behind the magical door.

★ **Before you begin, brainstorm a list of ideas for what might be behind the door. Let your imagination run wild as there is no wrong answer. Once you have your list, have a go at writing a poem, using the repeating opener: I opened the magical door and saw ...**

Here's an example to help you get going:

I opened the magical door and saw shadows dancing.

I opened the magical door and saw a rainbow leading to another world.

I opened the magical door and saw people crying.

I opened the magical door and saw a magical fairground flooded in lights.

Once you have got your ideas, go back and see if you can add to them. You could add more description or bring the thing to life through action, e.g.

I opened the magical door and saw a shoal of hungry shadows, tangoing through busy streets.

- Can you use alliteration?
- Where can you include metaphors and personification?
 - ➔ Think of verbs/actions that only humans can do – can you apply them to the items in your box?

Below are a few suggestions in case you get stuck.

The Magical Door

I opened the magical door and saw ...
a world turned upside down:
the sea, now a floating ceiling,
the clouds, an inviting carpet.



I opened the magical door and saw ...
the reflection of myself:
standing, searching, staring,
questioning how this was possible.

I opened the magical door and saw ...
a sweet-treat paradise:
clouds of candy floss,
drifting across a bubble gum sky.



I opened the magical door and saw ...
a field of waves:
blue potatoes were leaping,
playing in white foam,
as puzzled farmers watched from sunny shores.



I opened the magical door and saw ...
The image of a street I used to know,
But as I entered, everything changed;
As I reached out, everything had gone.