

The Store Full of Magical Things

Discussion Cards

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HOPE'S

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The Book of Hopes: The Store Full of Magical Things

As soon as they looked at it, the author of the poem knew that they wanted the smile that can never fade.



Discuss: Why might they have thought that the smile was the best choice out of everything in the store?

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Inside the store of magical things, there's an elephant that can fly and a bar of chocolate that you can never finish.



Discuss: Imagine that you are in the store of magical things. What else do you think you might find?

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The author of the poem says that they would take the smile that can never fade with them everywhere.



Discuss: If you could only carry one thing with you wherever you went, what would it be?

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But once I looked at it,
I knew what I would take home with me...
... a smile that can never fade



Discuss: What do you think would be the best thing about having a smile that never fades?

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What I take with me everywhere
What I am sending now to you,
A smile that can never fade



Discuss: If you could borrow the smile that never fades for a day, what would you do with it? Where would you go?

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'There is a clock that can send you anywhere in the world,
An elephant that can fly,
A bar of chocolate that you can never finish...
Or a smile that can never fade.'



Discuss: If you could pick anything from the store of magical things, whether it's mentioned in the poem or from your own imagination, what would it be?

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The author of the poem picks the smile that can never fade from **The Store Full of Magical Things** and says that they are going to send it now to you.



Discuss: If you could give every person in this room one thing from *The Store Full of Magical Things*, what would it be?

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I met an old man once
In a store full of magical things
Whistling while he watched me
His crooked hat on his head



Discuss: Where do you think the old man gets all of the things that are inside *The Store Full of Magical Things*? What sort of things do you think he looks for?

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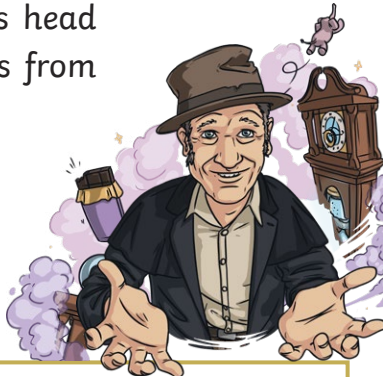
What I am sending now to you,
A smile that can never fade
A smile that can never fade.



Discuss: Who do you think the author is sending the smile that can never fade to? What do you think their reaction will be when they receive it?

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The old man with a crooked hat on his head
offers the author lots of different things from
The Store Full of Magical Things.



Discuss: If this poem was set at a different point in history (e.g. the Stone Age; ancient Egypt; the Tudor period), what magical things do you think the old man would offer?

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Discuss: Is there anything that *The Store Full of Magical Things* wouldn't offer? What makes you think that?