

Please read our AMAZING poems below, which contain metaphors, similes and personification. Below that is a response we got from THE Pie Corbett himself. I sent him our poems and he read them and responded.

### Waves of wonder

Waves crashing and frothing against the rocks, about as elegant as a burglar who is lost. After what seemed like an eternity of crashing, bashing, frothing and slashing, the ocean settles down for a mid-summer's nap.

Children dipping their toe-tips in the sea, while some others just crash in like mini warships, not taking precautions, unwary of the salt in the water.

Meanwhile, the ocean conceals a carpet of wonder, with shells and pearls, hidden in one of the world's best kept secrets. With pearls to pirate looks, a child and a rich man's dream, but it all ends on the turtle, who is as fast as a ripple in the sea.

### The Rollercoaster of Life

God and the earth are two peas in a pod.

As God observed his creation, the Earth,  
he watched fluffy balls of cotton bounce by.

Whilst he observed, his sister, the sun,  
danced as she gazed upon the dazzling earth.

Dancing the day away as the night descended.

The stars are glinting diamonds on the moon's dark  
blanket.

In the dead of night the gnarled bushes are  
whispering with the anonymous scrapings of unknown  
predators.

The moon tears off her blanket and daytime begins.

Mr. Kingfisher goes fishing by the lake whilst Mrs.  
Woodpecker's thumping rhythms resonate with the  
ripples on the lake.

Life is a wonderful thrill ride.

Hi Stacey,

I've just received the response below from Pie:

*Dear Stacey - thank you for sending me the poems to look at and for dipping into Ramshackle Rainbow which is an anthology that I love - great cover and some lovely poems as well.*

*There are lots of poems in the book that are like an invitation and the children can have a go at doing something similar, e.g. Benediction, Clouds, poem to be spoken silently, Cat began, horse, dazzledance, yes, Atlantic roundhouse, a boy's head, warning, she, she is, the door, wings, the magic box, the magical mouse - all of these provide a structure and poetry idea that can be used by the children. There are lots of ideas in my book Jumpstart poetry! And, there are other poetry models and teaching notes on our website.*

*Waves of Wonder, by Annabelle, has some very good turns of phrase 'as elegant as a buffalo', the ocean conceals, etc. It was a well sustained piece - had she been looking at The Sea is a hungry dog? Rainbow, by Luke was a good stab at an acrostic and I wonder what he would write without the restriction of the pattern. The Rollercoaster of life, by Evie-Jaide, is an interesting piece and has some memorable phrases such as the 'anonymous scrapings'- it's interesting to see someone exploring an idea in a sustained way. The poems are at their best when the language and imagery is unique to the writer so well done and great work.*

*Thanks for sending them to me and do let the children that I loved their work and have printed it out to put on my pinboard to make me happy!*

*Best wishes to you all - stay safe - keep creating – Pie*