## The Magic Box

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I will put in the box
the cuddle of my favourite toy,
the first sparkle of a burning, gooey, crispy marshmallow,
the tingle of the Holy Communion bread.

I will put in the box

A shimmering scale from a mermaid out of the sea, the swish of my Holy Communion dress as I walked down the aisle, the wish of the willow in the silent wind.

I will put in the box
a colossal feather of a furious albatross,
the tick of a clock that's as old as time,
the smell of freshly made cookies.

My box is made from pure gold and ferocious flaming fire

with shooting stars on the lid and emotion in the corners.

Its hinges are baby unicorn wings.

