

**Jessica Conway (SG) James Gillespie's High School**

**His Gifts**

He brought me back  
A wooden Philippine flute,  
Deep green in colour,  
A huge teddy the orchestra gave him  
While visiting Germany;  
He brought me an Egyptian silver ring  
And a tiny recorder  
From a busy market in Cairo;  
He brought me back  
A beautiful Japanese purse;  
He brought me shell necklaces,  
Orange trousers, expensive chocolates,  
Local specialities, photos of sights he'd seen.

But I liked it most  
When he brought me back stories  
And memories of his visit.  
He'd tell them round the kitchen table  
Over a specially prepared meal  
And would always finish them by saying,  
'It's just so nice to be home'.