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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'.