

6. DEAR MUM

'Dear Mum' is a gentle poem written by Brian Pattern who writes extensively for children as well as adults.

In this poem, the narrator, most probably the child of working-class parents, tries to help his mother by doing all kinds of household things and ends up making a big mess instead.

The poem starts in the form of a letter written by a child who addresses his mother and tells her how a cup was broken by him when she was out.

At the end the boy concludes that according to him, the house is haunted by ghosts. Here we find how the poet combines the magical and miraculous elements with hard realities. The boy ends by saying that his mother is going to become furious seeing the condition of the house. Hence, he is going to his grandparents' house for a while.