

The Sound collector- Associated activities below

The Sound Collector - by Roger Mcgough



A stranger called this morning
Dressed all in black and grey
Put every sound into a bag
And carried it away



The whistling of the kettle
The turning of the lock
The purring of the kitten
The ticking of the clock



The popping of the toaster
The crunching of the flakes
When you spread the marmalade
The scraping noise it makes



The hissing of the frying pan
The ticking of the grill
The bubbling of the bath tub
As it starts to fill



The drumming of the raindrops
On the window pane
When you do the washing up
The gurgle of the drain



The crying of the baby
The squeaking of the chair
The swishing of the curtain
The creaking of the stair



A stranger called this morning
He didn't leave his name
Left us only silence
Life will never be the same

Why not try:

- Picking a few sounds or sensations from the poem to explore in more depth? You could:
 - Overcook some toast and have fun scraping it with a knife into a tub.
 - Practice your fine motor and co-ordination skills,
 - taste and comment on the burned toast (more and stop),
 - or draw patterns or letters in the crumbs with your fingers.
 - Run a bath full of bubbles
 - try blowing bubbles with a straw.
 - Choose your favourite smell before adding the bubble mixture.
 - Use a whisk instead of a straw to create bubbles. Can you go faster and slower?
- Have a go at joining Holly Class with their 'Kitchen Music' challenge. The PDF is on the Cherry section of the website
- Collecting as many items from the poem as you can in a scavenger hunt? You can use your items as props the next time you read the poem together.