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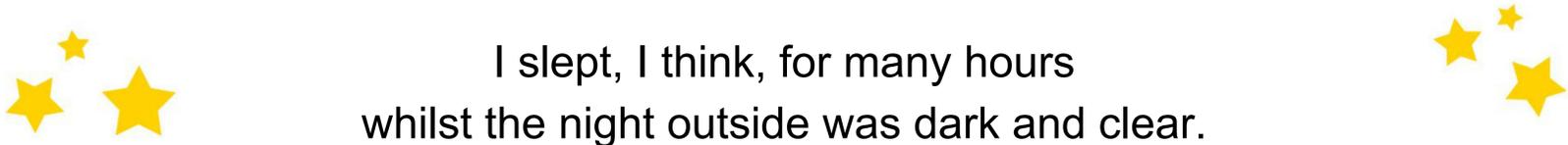
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## A Spaceman's Adventure

(provided as a rough representation of the Welsh text, for explanatory purposes)

As I went to bed last night  
And closed my untidy curtains  
I looked at the moon and gazed at the stars  
and imagined what a great adventure it would be  
to escape to space before dawn.



I slept, I think, for many hours  
whilst the night outside was dark and clear.  
I dreamed of a rocket, large and white,  
and of being a spaceman, the best ever,  
wandering the planets and through space.



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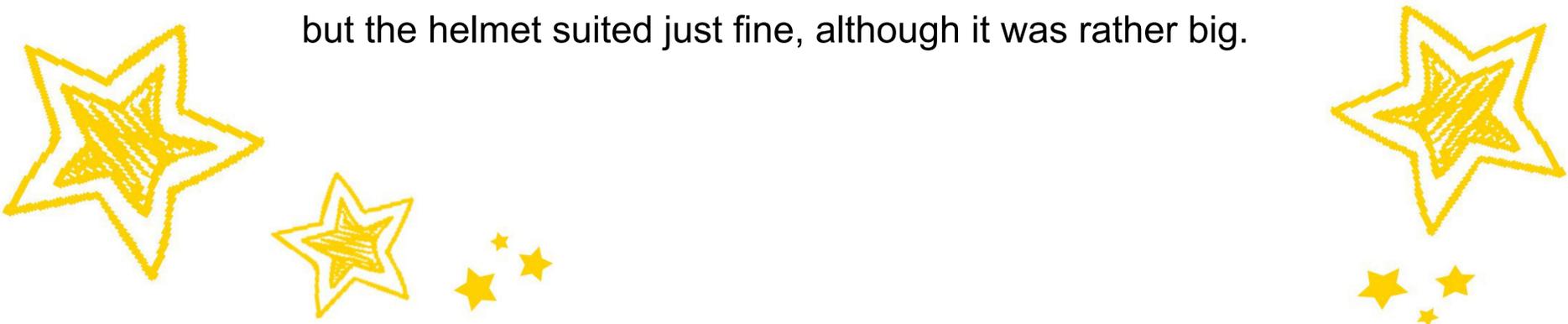


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At the breakfast table, I told Mum  
'I flew to the moon, all the way to space'  
She pulled me on to her lap and said:  
'It's not an easy thing to do, going to space and back,  
you must have a helmet, and boots, and a silver suit,  
and a rocket of course, to be a real spaceman.'



And so I went searching around the house,  
into every room, every cupboard, every dark corner.  
On the kitchen shelves, I found quite a good helmet  
hanging above the tins of beans.  
It was a bit of a challenge, reaching so high,  
but the helmet suited just fine, although it was rather big.



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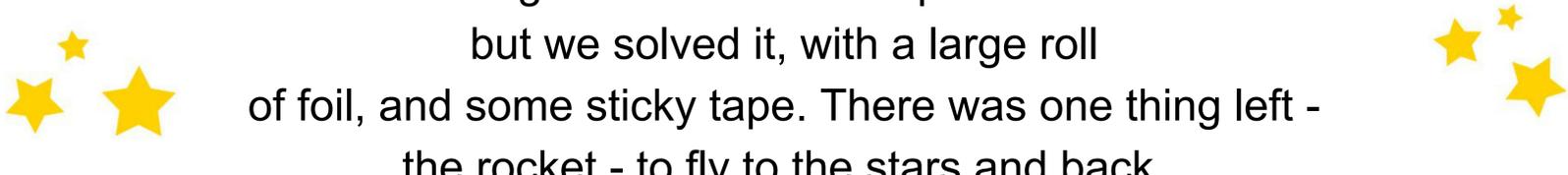
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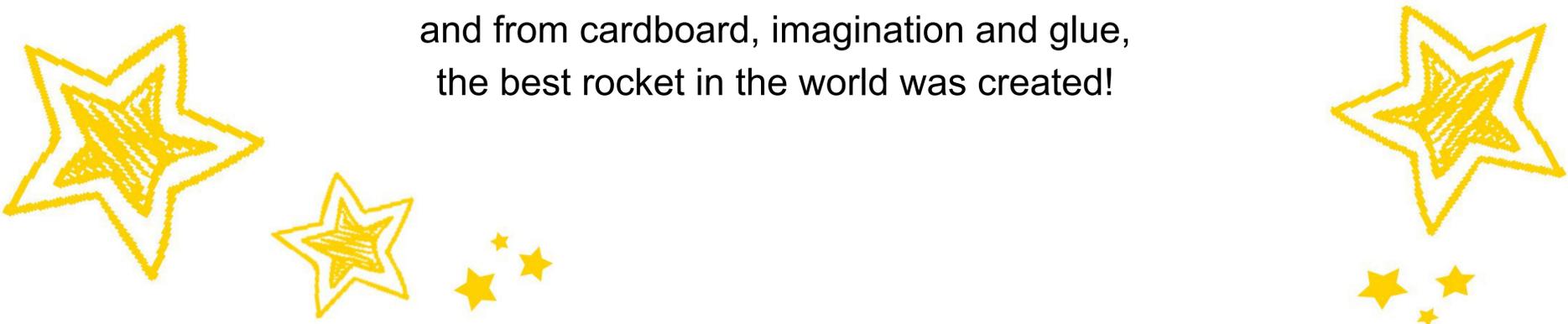


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My mum fetched Grandfather's old shoes  
They were sturdy and warm, and I had to wear them  
because the mess of the moon and the nuisance-dust of the  
stars makes every foot dirty and tickles every ankle.



Finding a silver suit was a problem now  
but we solved it, with a large roll  
of foil, and some sticky tape. There was one thing left -  
the rocket - to fly to the stars and back.



Busily, busily, Mum and I  
searched around the house for some materials,  
and from cardboard, imagination and glue,  
the best rocket in the world was created!



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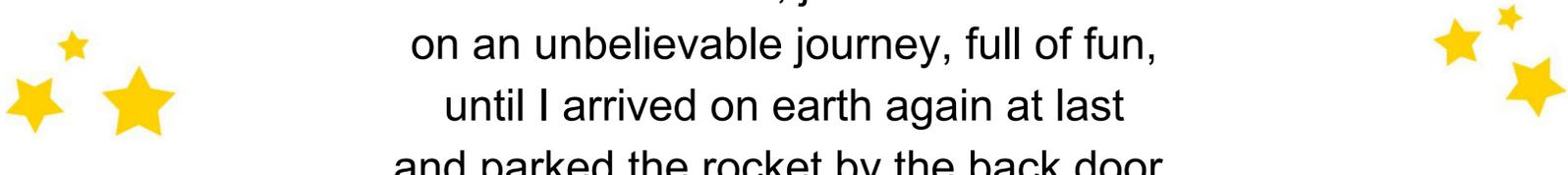
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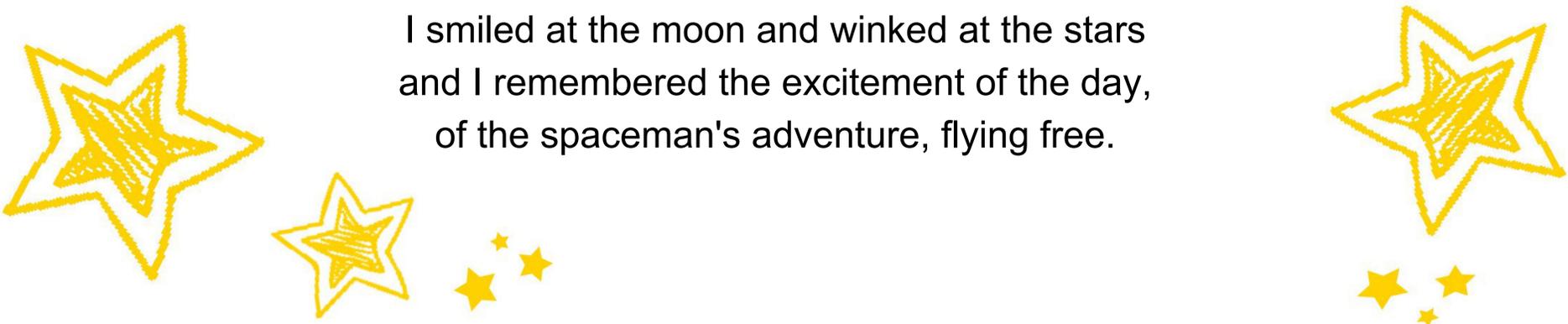


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All afternoon, I travelled here and there  
meeting aliens - some were scary!  
Flitting through space - I have never seen any place like it -  
parking on a planet, and having a picnic for tea.



Onwards and onwards, just the rocket and me  
on an unbelievable journey, full of fun,  
until I arrived on earth again at last  
and parked the rocket by the back door.



As I went to bed tonight  
And closed my untidy curtains  
I smiled at the moon and winked at the stars  
and I remembered the excitement of the day,  
of the spaceman's adventure, flying free.

*by Iwan Garmon*



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