

Last Year and This Year

This poem was written by an 11-year-old called Theo. It uses a mixture of metaphor and real events to describe how he felt about the pandemic.

Some events are real, “last year we cheered”

Some events are metaphors about how he felt, “last year my pen exploded...my glasses melted”. This didn’t actually happen to him it just felt like everything was going wrong.

Last Year

Last year the sky was dark
And last year was a T.V show
where all the contestants got
disqualified
Last year was a music concert,
with all the wrong musicians
Last year my pen exploded
and my glasses melted
And last year the earth went too far
and fell off the cliff
And last year we cheered
And last year we booed
And this year, last year ended.

Theo (11)

Now it's your turn, Start with Last Year

Last year.....
Where.....
And.....

Write about what it felt like, use the weather to describe your feelings
Last year the sky was dark, the rainbows lost their lustre, the rain cried a flood

Last year I
With
And.....

Write about actual events that happened around the world or things that affected you. How did they make you feel, what could you compare them to? Describe them with senses and details

And last year.....
And
And.....

Do you remember the volta we used with the Cow poem? We are going to use that again. Change the mood of your poem. Swap it to what you want to happen, what you are looking forward to!

This year
The
And I will

This year
I'll
And

Finish with something startling, or dramatic, or hopeful

And you will

Leave your poem to rise, like bread