'Aedh Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven'
My Version

We are learning this beautiful poem off by heart and have spent time in class discussing how William Yeats uses imagery to create a powerful real idea. Remember, he creates an object which is fantastical and not possible, but would be wonderful to have.

He then says he would give this to his special person but obviously it's impossible to do that. Instead, he offers a precious thing he does have,: his dreams (hopes/fears/feelings). He has again offered something which we can't actually pick up, but he creates the idea that his dreams are in the form of a blanket, just like the first incredible gift.

You need to write a poem in the same way:
1. Create a fantastical, imaginative, but unobtainable gift to offer the special person – describe it in a powerful way. Think of things in nature, or fantastic treasures with a twist. E.g. the teardrop of the last unicorn, the sparkle created by the sun on the stillest lake.
2. Use the structure of the poem to write your own version, telling the person what special gift you can give them (e.g. your total trust, your undying friendship)
3. Link your real abstract gift (a gift your cannot touch) with your first gift. (e.g. Keep my friendship safety locked in a treasure box, and don't leave it forgotten in a dark corner.)

4. We are looking for time and care in creating this, as the poem is relatively short – I would expect to see several ideas befoire you settle on the final version.

5. ALL SPELLING CHECKED THOROUGHLY AND CORRECTED

I've written my version to help you if you are unsure.

Had I the delicate sparkles of the morning sun on the surface of the coolest, stillest lake,

Glinting and gleaming, flitting in and out of existence,

The silver light and the gold,

I would take those sparkles and set them in the finest necklace,

For you to wear around your neck,

But I, being poor, have only my courage,

I have shaped my courage into a golden bracelet ;

Wear it with belief, for together we can face anything.

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