

POEM FOR GRANDAD

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“The Essex rabbits as we are known have written a few words about some of our memories
about grandad.

Thinking about some of our memories,
I’ve realised you gave us many first times.
Like the first time I ever tried halloumi,
Or a cold fizzy drink flavoured lemon and lime.

You introduced me to the power of a computer,
Although usually I was more interested in a bat and ball,
I loved the rally driving game you gave me,
And was fascinated by the sailors knots on the wall.

Staying over at grandmas and grandads was always a treat,
Even when mum and dad told us to stay seated.
We’d eat roast potatoes made crispy with semolina,
Whilst watching our jumpers get knitted.

Grandad had a treasure trove of cool stuff.
You’d say “woah” even if you were feeling woozy.
The diving helmet, sword and James bond’s watch,
And even a bath with a jacuzzi!

Look at some pictures today and you might see a cake,
Because at baking and icing grandad was king.
My dad portrayed in marzipan playing the guitar for instance,
All carried out listening to hamsters that sing.

You’d write “buy yourself a bottle of something special”,
With a cheque and birthday card from you.
So I promise there will always be a bottle of something special,
In my house to have a toast to you!”