

LANDSCAPES OF FEELING

created with Izzy & Lidia

On a rollercoaster,
when the ride gets going,
you get a strange feeling

in your stomach -- excitement
mixed with fear. At the top,
you get a new perspective --

lots of space around
to notice your emotions.
A high view that feels like home.

It feels like being yourself,
even when it's scary or
a little strange - express

yourself in words, or drawings,
or remembering a dog you loved.
Spend time with people

who make life's rollercoaster
feel amusing. A chance
to see the world

from every angle.



WOW

created with Abel & William

On a BMX, you are brave,
you can skid, jump,

soar up ramps. You can
stand on stunt pegs

and feel at the top
of the world - so full

of happiness
you could burst. /

Writing a comic, you know
you're good. You can turn

any character into a trick.
A policeman into a toilet -

you don't have to play
by the rules. /

Doing what you want
is always cool.

Following your dreams
will make you proud.

Whatever makes your
heart and mind

go WOW.



HAVING A LAUGH

created with Roxy & Izzy

Your friendship is
a decade's worth

of having laughs.
Waterslides and safari parks.

Your friendship is
a wild fox finding

a kindred spirit in
a Jack Russel -- both

looking for someone
to cuddle.

Your friendship is
always believing in each other.

If you believe,
you can achieve. A quote

shared when you need it
most.



THE BROOK

created with Chloe & Meg

Down to the brook
round lunchtime for chips -
far too expensive
but worth it

to sit on tree roots
that stick out from the ground,
coats on the floor
to keep off mud.

Music on a speaker.
Talking about literally anything.
What music shall we play?
It goes from there -

watching the Karens walk past,
or playing on the rope swing.
Just a peaceful place to be
finding treasures

in the water.



A CHOIR OF FOOTBALLS

created with Will & Summer

Side by side, excited,
feeling the practice

in your voice and feet,
ready to do rainbow flicks

with vocal chords, or
sing with every kick and trick

of toe and heel. Learning
how to communicate with sounds

and movements. Turning songs
into charity, goals into friendship,

round-the-worlds into brotherhood,
harmonies into harvests

for community.



INSPIRATION

created with Josh & Annabel

When you came home from holiday
in Devon, the first poem

that came to mind was about
the sea — splashing around

with words. It isn't finished
yet, just like the ocean,

always changing, never ending.
And for you, it's football -

the poetry of teamwork,
winning or losing - just having

fun at the time. It's not
about being perfect or anything,

just about being in the moment.
Defending your goal together.

"Work", "press", "get your head
in the game." This is a kind

of poem. Words making waves.



LIGHT & DARK

created with Eden & Max

When you were small,
you sat in circles,

listening to rhyme
and rhythm sing you

farmyard lullabies.
Now, at 12, you like

to tell stories with
a thrill of dark -

your friendship a kick
of jokes like footballs

swapped between you.
Words change as we grow.

They hold the whole range,
from light to dark

and back again - like
dark humour bringing out

a smile.



POETRY IS HARD

created with Miron & Rowan

You like poetry a bit
but it's quite hard.

You like making things -
a home for your cat

out of fabric and a basket.
Cars out of lego.

Maybe if poetry was more
like arts and crafts

or motors -- what if you
could put it together

out of anything. Maybe then
it wouldn't be so hard.

