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The school is quiet.
New posters are
on the walls.
SCHOOL
POETRY
PERFORMANCE
READ YOUR
POEM
OUT LOUD!
My heart starts booming,
my skin becomes a raging river
I feel scared and nervous inside.
But then...

Miss Flotsam explodes into the class.
She is our new teacher,
she has travelled the world.
her clothes are...
    a flutter of fabric filled
with the spice of colour.
    And she loves poetry.



Miss Flotsam tells us stories
of cycle rides in
booming hurricanes,



boat journeys
down raging rivers,



flights through
scary storms
and being alright.



When working in groups
on our poems
makes my heart flutter
and my face heat-up.



Miss Flotsam reads to me
stories of quiet heroes
and beautiful
unheard songs.



I write the first line of my poem.

