

**SPEAKING WITH THE ELEMENTS**  
*'A world of magical messages we all understand'*

*Performed as part of National Poetry Day Live by Highfield children from Yr 5 & at the Royal Festival Hall  
on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2016*

**THE SEA** (water) Raisa, Felicity, Luke, Islimada, Ilias and Ediz

- (Raisa) I dance  
I am powerful, unpredictable, courageous...
- (Felicity) Sometimes I am uncontrollable,  
I want complete freedom
- (Raisa) I can be quite similar to you  
my hair is wavy and my dreams wild  
I toss and turn in my bed
- (Felicity) Like you I want to be remembered  
I dream of a family  
and wish for eternal life
- (Luke) I took down the Titanic  
so I'm pretty strong  
I'm big and I'm mighty,  
but I can't play ping pong...yet!
- (Islimada) I'm proud of my furious sway  
and the food I provide  
I give birth to so many but yes, I have taken lives
- (Raisa) I've seen fear on people's faces  
as they gradually drown  
I turn darker and deeper as they plunge down
- (Islimada) I'm as old as the world  
and I want a say  
whether my fish should be taken away
- (Ediz) *Oh little grandson, what is this state?  
You're all dirty and the sea isn't the same  
In my days the water was the bluest of blues  
You'd better go now and teach the people to keep it clean.*
- (Ilias) *Remember my friends  
here is where life began and here it will end*
- (Luke) *In the beautiful, wild and dangerous sea  
Please treat her respectfully*

**THE SUN** (fire) Ediz, Abir, Monika, Enes, Saphira, Sultan, Ilias

- (Ediz) *Oh Majestic ball of fire*
- (Abir) I'm two-faced and a liar
- (Ilias) *You wear your golden crown  
You bring us energy and happiness  
then burn our forests to the ground*
- (Monika) *He can be dangerous and useful  
brilliant and bright  
but do not come too close to him  
or he'll blind you with his light*
- (Abir) I'm proud of my power  
but that's not always a virtue
- (Enes) *Mighty God don't burn us!*
- (Saphira) *I'm your ancestor, watching your every step  
Bring me the sun, oh Chosen One*
- (Sultan) I'm a summery sun  
a shining friend  
I will make your day joyful
- (Abir) I'm loop holes of fire
- (Enes) *Over-enthusiastic, two-faced sun*
- (Abir) I can make you happy, I can make you sad
- (Sultan) it depends if you've been good or bad
- (Abir) I can bring hotness in overloads  
and boiling blisters to the bones
- (Enes) *Furious, guilty, engulfed with rage...*
- (Monika) *Once she could hide behind her veil  
but that has been stolen from her  
She is sorry she does so much destruction*
- (Sultan) I am nothing but a helpful sun
- (Saphira) *Smile on us, we're the Chosen Ones!*

## THE WIND (air)

Deborah, Amelia, Ryan, Yusuf, Ryan

*(Everyone blow, make a storm, make wind sounds)*

- (Amelia)                    Deep down inside I have a dream  
a dream to share,  
a dream I can keep  
a dream that won't fly away  
and disappear  
invisible, into thin air
- (Yusuf)                    I'm proud of who I've become
- (Ryan F)                    You haven't seen me strike  
Shrapnel of house filling the world  
I may be deadly and monstrous
- (Deborah)                    But I am smart and I'm conscious  
Calm and colourless
- (Ryan B)                    *Deep down inside I have a dream*
- (Ryan F)                    Many years ago I was respected as a father and a god  
I am seen today as a disaster
- (Ryan B)                    *Deep down inside I have a dream*
- (Ryan F)                    When it's cold, I'll keep it cold
- (Deborah)                    Push...Pull
- (Amelia)                    I have heard many things, seen many things  
I come from far away and I go to places you've never been
- (Deborah)                    I howl, I whistle, I sing  
*(someone howl)*
- (Ryan F)                    Violent, outrageous, possessed by madness  
Outrageous, melancholy
- (Yusef)                    *A dream to share, a dream I can keep*
- (Deborah)                    I'm a soldier, a soft teddy bear in your arms
- (Amelia)                    The ghostly voices have spoken to me  
Come to carry me home
- (Yusuf)                    *A dream that won't fly away*
- (everyone)                    Wind.

## **THE MOUNTAIN** (earth)

Nektario, Doego, Tarik, Mark and Ilias

- (Tarik) Tall, old, dangerous roads
- (Diego) Craggy, grey, gi-normous  
White, strong, snow-capped, cold  
Clean, like a clean white-board
- (Nektario) I can do it, drive on a dangerous road  
follow the earth to the heavens  
on this wonderful mountain  
majestic, lonely and cold as ice
- (Mark) I'm proud of being tall  
from the sky to the ground
- (Tarik) Rocky mountain, Rocky road
- (Diego) Clean like a clean white board
- (Mark) write your life on it
- (Nektario) Fall into a skydive  
flying, dying,  
from the top to the bottom  
from the sky to the earth
- (Mark) I am proud of being strong  
but I have watched their screaming faces as they struggle upwards.
- (Ilias) I can do favours and transport them  
or I can harm and bring them down
- (Diego) down to earth
- (Tarik) I am a landslide, and avalanche  
a place of green plants, rock and soil
- (Nektario) I am adventurous and terrifying  
vulnerable
- (Tarik) Over a long period the wind and rain can deteriorate me
- (Mark) Once I was covered in water  
and now I am only me
- (Diego) Look carefully and you will see a message carved on my surface
- (everyone) A MESSAGE WE CAN ALL UNDERSTAND!!