

Hau Po Woon Cup 2023

Primary School English Speaking Competition

Solo Verse Speaking

Category 1: Pupils of Primary Three and Four

The Dragon

By Kevin McCann

There's a dragon in our garden
That hatched out under the shed,
Her scales are shaped like teardrops
And glow when she's been fed.

She sleeps all through the daytime,
Wings folded like a bat.
Gold and green and dreaming
And purring like a cat.

But she's getting wild and restless
So she'll fly away quite soon
To the only place
Where a dragon's still safe:
Deep inside the moon.

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Category 2: Pupils of Primary Five and Six

Recipe for a Dragon

By Robin Mellor

Take hot chilli peppers
numbering three,
add four cups of sulphur
and the sting of a bee.

Rub two sticks together
to make smoke and spark.
Borrow breath from a glow worm
who lights up the dark.

From a Winter bonfire
lift the heart of an ember
to put with some leaves
from fiery September.

Place all the ingredients
in an old metal pot,
ignite with a sunbeam
and stir up the lot.

Just when you're thinking
that nothing will happen,
out of the white steam
will come a small dragon.