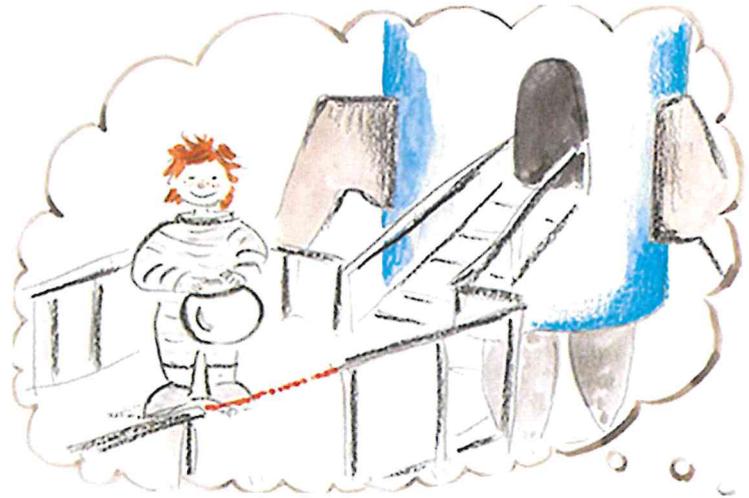


A Boy's Head

In it there is a space ship
and a project
for doing away with piano lessons.

And there is
Noah's ark,
which shall be first.

And there is
an entirely new bird,
an entirely new hare,
an entirely new bumble-bee.



There is a river
that flows upwards.

There is anti-matter.

I believe
that only what cannot be trimmed
is a head.

There is much promise
In the circumstance
That so many people have heads.

Miroslav Holub

Talking Points

What does the poet say is inside this boy's head?

What do you think that the last three lines mean?

How does the poet make this a memorable poem, even without rhyme or obvious pattern?

The poet chose to write this poem about a boy. Would it have been different if it was about a girl?

What would the poem be like if it were about you?
What thoughts and ideas do you have in your head?

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