

Title:The Magical Swans Of The Oxford CanalAuthor:Benjamin ThomlinsonCategory:5-7 year oldsPosition:Second Place

On the side of the magnificent Oxford Canal there lived two beautiful, magical swans. The swans had white feathers and long necks and they liked to sit on the side of the canal. One day they saw a sad little boy. He was so sad he wasn't enjoying the beautiful Oxford canal. He didn't see how nice the water was shining in the sun, how green the plants were or the singing birds in the trees. He missed the long boats going past and all the people enjoying the fantastical canal. So they decided to cheer him up. They saw a duck and told the duck to go over and make friends with the boy. Then the swans came over and granted the boy three magical wishes. The little boy smiled and got very excited. He thought very carefully about what he should wish for. His first wish was for people to look after the canal so it's not polluted. His second wish was for all of the trees to have fruit on them, so people can enjoy them. His third wish was everyone was nice that walked down the Oxford canal. The swans granted him all the three wishes and from that day the boy was never sad again when he visited the fantastical Oxford canal.

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