

I often escaped here, my head flooded with the dream of escaping, flying away, leaving all cares and worries behind me. It lifted my spirits...if only for a few moments.

The power of imagination.

Suddenly my shoulders slumped as I felt the wings attach: become one with me. I was a bird, an angel, free. The clouds above beckoned me towards them, but the weight of the world seemed to be placed upon my shoulders.

Flapping involuntarily, MY wings almost knocked me off balance. I stood tall, head raised to the sky as my feet lifted, leaving the ground below.



A Starter for 10

1. Describe how you might feel if you suddenly grew wings.
2. What does '**slump**' mean? Why might the narrator's shoulders slump?
3. Which words, or phrases, show feelings of happiness and joy?
4. '**stood tall**' has two meanings – it is an idiom – what does it mean?
5. What might the narrator do? Will they be able to fly? Where might they go?

Be a detective.



Research early flying machines – what were they made from? Why might people have built them?
Find out when and where the 1st hot balloon and plane flew. Can you find them on a map? Who made them?
Invent a flying machine. Draw, or describe it. It could be futuristic – how will it fly?
Research Liverpool's '**Liver birds**' how big are they? What is the largest bird statue in the world, where is it?
If you could fly to anywhere, where would it be? Why would you go? Who would you take?