

# WORDS & PICTURES

Discover a fresh perspective on the Australian Collection with Words & Pictures, an ongoing project that invites local artists and writers to respond to artworks in the Australian Collection.

Take inspiration, and use the pencils and paper provided at the stations to create your own response through drawing or writing.

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## Hot-air Balloon (Art Adventure Begins 2)

Climb on board: dreamers, dancers, travellers  
whoever you may be, take a journey with me.

Feel woven textures beneath your feet.  
Smell the Murray River in the weave.

Take yourself to the balloon's edge.  
Feel the breezes through the sedge.

Touch air's textures as we fly.  
Sense the depth of sky below.

Search the windows that we pass  
for the dreamers beyond.

Ask yourself, am I afraid?  
Or am I brave?

Sense the strength of angels  
Ignite reconciliation's flame.



**June Perkins** (Brisbane-based poet and children's author)