

Wishes

The lists about things that you have missed are like wishes. In this writing idea, you can contrast things that you really want to do with things that sound fancy but actually you can do without. For instance, I don't have to travel to the Caribbean but I wouldn't mind a trip to Weston-super-Mare. I don't have to travel in a limousine but I wouldn't mind a bike ride down to the shops.

Make a list of a few simple things that you'd like to do but haven't been able to do. Then add in some contrasts. Here is my list.

You can listen to an audio recording of this poem here:

<https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/wishes/s-h8IK9mqHnXj>

I don't need to be on Caribbean island with turquoise seas but
I do wish that I was walking along the canal path in Stroud, where a
kingfisher zips by in a sudden electric blue fizz, a fistful of
feathered energy.

I don't need to be at the top of Everest, planting the Union Jack
but I do wish I could climb Strawberry Banks where the speckled
woods, small blues, orange tips and brimstone butterflies flutter
like frail candle flames.

I don't need to sit in the Ritz, eating lobster thermidor but
I do wish I could drop into Fat Toni's for a slice of fresh pepperoni
pizza with gooey cheese, tomatoes and basil with a can of cold
lemonade.

I don't need to go for a trip to Bristol zoo to check out the
penguins, listen to the howler monkeys or watch the grumpy camels
or elegant giraffes stretch their spotted necks but
I do wish I that I could visit my aged Aunt to chatter with her
dogs, whose greeting is always full on energy, the air alive with
yapping and barking.

I don't need to win the lottery or rob a bank but
I do wish I could catch the village bus into town and mooch about
the bookshop, checking new titles and then wander over to
Moonshine's for a snack.