

Grandpa

I was talking to Mum about Grandpa.

“Mum”, I said. “What does Grand mean?
Grand like in Grandpa?”

“Well,” said Mum.

“Grand means...

Big.

It means mighty.

It means royal, like a king.”

Well, I think that’s all wrong.

I think...

It means tickles and singing

And a book and a cuddle.

It means biscuits

And dancing,

And a joke

And a giggle.

It means the toys that are there,

In the place that I know.

It means

Days in...

And days out.

It means tissues and plasters,

A hug and a carry.

It means

Ice-cream and postcards,

And a card
And a present.

It means a story to tell
And someone to listen.

It means a cheek to kiss
And a hand to hold.

It means treats

It means "Yes!"

It means love –
For
My own,
For my very own
Grandpa.

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