

Odd Ode

Love me Tender
An Odd Ode

Grandson, down in Wellington—
a short flight from Auckland
in the land of the green kiwi
from the land of OSU orange mango,
your fingers explore discoveries
in the chemistry lab
and press the keys of your laptop computer.

Grandma wishes she could pack her Honda Hybrid
jump on a plane to cross the ocean
so her words of grandmotherly love
could be delivered with a hug
rather than waft over
e-mail air waves
to your new harbor.

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1. From a workshop by Matt Dickman
2. We were given a title Love Me Tender.
3. Five words were given by poets in the workshop to use in any order. The words were: Auckland, mango, fingers, computer, Honda.
4. You could select a title at random- from a list of poem titles or song titles.or book titles.
5. You could select the words by randomly putting your fingers on a page in the dictionary, magazine, newspaper or book.