Things that help the poem gain life:

Sensory detail

People

Foods

Locations

Important messages you remember

Neighborhood characters

Important items

Scars

Singing and Clapping Games

Fire on the Mountain, Run boy run.

Walking to the Beach on Sundays

Memorable Childhood Moments

"Allahu akbar!" Chip Chip and Rice

Smell of the sea

Dead man in coffin

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