

Jenolan caves

Shimmering scaled pathways like a stony serpent
Steep stairs that steer us close to the core of the Earth
Step by step we enter the chambers of Earth's heart
In awe of the beauty to which nature gave birth
Stalactites hang down like shimmering icicles
Dusty gold stalagmites reach for the rocky sky
Cascading stone waterfalls are frozen in time
An ancient world privy only to the keen eye

Up above us shine pink and white crystalline stars
Deep, deep down the cave lies a blue sapphire lake
Surrounding limestones have streaks of emerald moss
Topaz golems watch us with stone eyes wide awake
Here I observe a kaleidoscope of colours
And I hear reverberating muttering waves
As people discuss how lucky they are to come
And admire the beautiful Jenolan caves

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Statement: I was inspired to write about the Jenolan Caves after visiting with my family for a holiday. I loved the different rock formations, the subtle colours, and I felt connected with the core of nature deep within the Earth. I especially loved the sounds of the caves, the echoes and the whispers, which I felt I could portray best through poetry techniques such as repetition and sibilance. Overall, writing this poem rekindled my passion for the beauty of caves!

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