Things that help the poem gain life:

Sensory detail
People
Foods
Locations
Important messages you remember
Neighborhood characters
Important items
Scars

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Singing and Clapping Games

Fire on the Mountain, Run boy run.

Walking to the Beach on Sundays

Chip Chip and Rice

Dead man in coffin

"Allahu akbar!"

Smell of the sea

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