

Lots of people have taken The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, which is to bring attention to Lou Gehrig’s Disease (ALS) and raise money to help people with it. However, you can choose some other ways to donate money, for example, buying a book!



Grape to raisin
Plum to prune
Girl to grandma
All too soon.



That cute little poem was written by Sandy Hill, who wrote all kinds of poems for small children. She started writing them in 1992, but gave her poems only to friends and family. It is pity that she died from the ALS on May 15, 2007, aged 57. She found out she got the ALS in 2006. One of the first things the disease took was her voice, but it never took her spirit, much of which is included in her poetry.

After Sandy died, her husband, Kent, heard from people who wanted copies of Sandy’s poetry book. He decided to collect Sandy’s poems for children into a book, gave some copies away and sold others for \$10 each to support the study on the ALS. Though “*The Toy Lion*” sells for \$10, some people have given Kent more than that. A dentist gave him \$50 for a copy. “As long as there are people who buy it,” Kent says, “I’ll keep printing them.”

📖 The ALS 漸凍症 (肌肉萎縮症) bucket 水桶 poetry 詩 raisin 葡萄乾
plum 梅子 prune 梅乾

- As to the poem in the reading, what did Sandy try to say?
 - Life is too short.
 - All people love good tastes.
 - Women love sour food.
 - We should do things quickly.
- What does the word “which” infer to (意指)?
 - The disease.
 - Sandy’s voice.
 - The poetry.
 - Sandy’s spirit.
- According to the reading, which is true?
 - The purpose to hold “The Ice Bucket Challenge” is to understand the feeling of getting the ALS.
 - The highest price of Sandy’s book is 50 dollars.
 - Kent tried to raise money to help the people who get the ALS.
 - Sandy wrote poems to encourage those kids who get the ALS.

Teacher's Note

Answer: A D C

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