

## Windrush Generation

### A Poem

It started long ago 1948  
The Windrush Generation were going to Overtake.  
In lovely Caribbean and guess what was the debate!  
To travel far and wide over lands and seas.  
To A country they have never seen.  
Some were quite amazed that they might just see the Queen.

Men and women packed their cases  
They were prepared for what's in store  
They boarded planes and ships and were ready to explore.

As they waved farewell to their families  
Looking beyond the deep blue sea  
The warm breeze brushing against their cheeks.  
What coldness would they meet?

After weeks of being on a ship  
On a plane would have been quick  
To land in such a cold country  
It was foggy, misty and bleak.

The rejections that many faced  
For Logins and in the streets  
Have now turned into cities and homes  
That have now been called.  
UNIQUE!

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### Facts about Windrush

1. Those arriving in the UK between 1948 and 1971 from Caribbean countries have been linked the Windrush generation.
2. This is reference to the ship MV Empire Windrush, which arrived at Tilbury (Essex) on 22 June 1948.
3. They bring workers from: Jamaica, Trinidad, Tobago and other Islands.
4. The ship carried 492 passengers many of which were children.
5. Many of the workers became manual workers cleaners, drivers and nurses.