



# TOMFOOLERY

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Tomfoolery also known as Tomos Roberts was born in New Zealand. He is a spoken-word poet, comedian and filmmaker. He would first read his poems to crowds in London now, millions all over the world listen to his words. His most famous poem "The Great Realization" was posted on youtube and reached over 10 million views. It has touched the hearts of many and has been translated in multiple different languages.



## Selected Quotations

- "The lake was no longer frozen; the complete stillness of the water was in stark contrast to what she has just seen only moment ago. On the side of the lake Rose could see the four figures still there and her fear returned...."
- "The Great Realization is a bedtime story for a time of change. It is a reminder that we need not aim for a return just to normal when there is a tangible prospect of progress and the potential for so much more. It is the simple message of hope I found when I went looking"
- "The challenge we set ourselves was to see if we could find a optimistic or hopeful message and not a cheap one because I think if you are experiencing hardship and then you go on the internet and you see this poet from London trying to tell you its all for the best I think that can make you not have the reaction we were hoping to provide."
- "The hopeful message was maybe we could use this time to reevaluate the imbalances in our lives."



## Online Materials:

- Tomos Roberts, "The Great Realization" (2020)
- The Great Realization | Tomfoolery | A bed time story of how it started, and why hindsight's (2020)
- Poet Tomfoolery Reflects On Diversity's Recent Performance On BGT | Good Morning Britain (2020)

## Further reading

- The Great Realization (2020)
- The World Awaits (2021)
- Tomfoolery Website