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This story is twenty-five years old, yet in its freshness and immediacy it ranks with anything being produced for five to nines today. It's a story about wishing and wanting and the disappointment and sense of time-passing that all that brings. Benny only gains a longed-for shoe box by a series of clever swaps. We meet a rich collection of characters, some central, some on the edges of the plot. Like the best children's poems, or playground chants. it's cyclical, a story which grows, unfolds, reverberates. I've shared it for weeks with as many children as I could. Berg's writing is (a word I use carefully) *loving* towards her children, the adults and the urban setting. The Lowry-like cover is a delight in itself. Do try it.

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