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I'm often asked what inspires my work. I take a lot of inspiration from the beauty of nature, but also from those closest to me and from little things that happen or that touch my heart in some way.

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## A Lifeline Connection

I was just 17 when I first left home to train as a nurse. I won't say exactly how long ago that was but suffice to say it was before the internet, emails or mobile phones!

Although I was enjoying my newfound freedom, I missed home.

After qualifying, to find work, I moved to the US, then Australia and later to London, before finally returning to Ireland.

It was a great adventure but also a long time to be so far from home.

My mother and I wrote to each other regularly and those few pages of news from home every week were a lifeline. Years later, now that my mother is no longer with us, those letters are all the more precious.

## The Handwritten Word

I was reflecting on this and the importance of the handwritten word when I first had the idea for my 'Message on a Bottle' Irish Gift

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epitomise all that I wish to convey  
through my art - thoughtful, authentic  
and personal.



Since first making their appearance a few years ago my ceramic gift bottles have been sharing thoughts and emotions, providing inspiration and making connections all around the world.

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## Messages of Wisdom

For the “messages”, I have chosen words of wisdom and vision that have inspired me, including those of world-renowned Irish poets and authors.

***"And dance like the wave of the sea" - W.B. Yeats***

***"Be yourself, everyone else is already taken" - Oscar Wilde***

***"Walk on air against your better judgement" - Seamus Heaney***

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Alternatively, for something 'short and sweet' choose one of my smaller bottles with a simple message like

**"You're the Best",**

**"Thinking of You"**

**"Thank You..."**

**"One of a kind"**



I've also borrowed some lovely Irish sayings like

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(TOHG guh BOG ay) literally meaning “take it easy” but also suggesting a sense of go softly or kindly with yourself.

## Music to my Ears

So many of my customers tell me how much the gift of a Message on a Bottle has meant to those who've received them, how a few simple words have sent heart-felt thoughts across the miles.

That feedback is music to my ears as that's exactly what I'd had in mind for them.



The bottle is something to be cherished, so that every time you see it, you recall just how it made you feel when you received it, a constant reminder of both the message sent and the sender.

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A thoughtful message hand-written on a beautiful handmade ceramic bottle, carefully gift wrapped in bespoke packaging and sent with a hand-written message of your choice on a card.

My 'Message on a Bottle' is the perfect Irish hand-crafted gift to let someone know you're thinking of them.

I'll be in touch again soon.

Wishing you and yours well.

**Siobhain x**  
(and Rubi)



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"Be yourself, everyone else is taken" - Oscar Wilde  
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"If you can dream it, you can achieve it" - Zig Ziglar



"Believe in miracles and cures and healing wells" - Seamus Heaney

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## SHOP THE COLLECTION

A "Message on a Bottle" is available in two sizes and can be gifted with hearts or other items from the collection. Choose from one of many inspirational quotes as standard or personalize with your own message if preferred.

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