

Making a travel AV

In 2019 we spent a fortnight in Switzerland, one week at Lucerne by the lake and the second week in Grindlewald. The weather was mixed but we chose the better days to go up the Titlis from Lucerne and the Jungfrau from the mountain village.

The danger in making travel slide shows is documenting the holiday in order even if sections are repeated. It can easily turn out something that only the people concerned are interested in. This is why AVs of weddings, birthdays etc. which are fun to make are only shown to those concerned. Holiday 'snapshots' can easily end up: this was our hotel and on the first day we walked into the village to catch a boat to.... Next day etc etc. So in order to avoid that trap I wrote a poem with pictures in mind which I wanted to illustrate. I sincerely hope other people will be interested in my efforts.

In the AV I read and show a verse of the poem then show 4 or 5 slides to illustrate the verse, I will just show you a couple for each verse here.

Summer in the Alps

Today everywhere is glistening, shining white,
The sun, sketching through mist in pale plight,
glances on craters created by blown snow
which take on the sun's warming, watery glow.



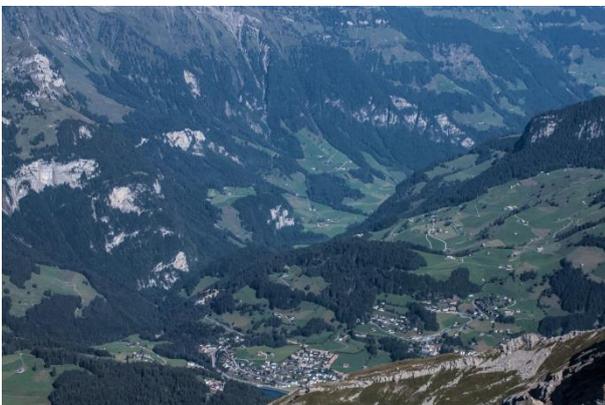
The snow is here for most of the year,
Winter activities appeal and appear
Mountain ranges wear their coats of white,
Crevices and cracks their patterns delight.



Through the mist the mountains creep
wear veils of grey to peer and peep.
Patchwork of greens may come and go,
mist swirls, whirls the beauty to bestow.



Scenes in the valley are verdant green,
And other adventures can be seen.
Cable cars whisk to heady height
revealing untold scenes to delight.



Lower down the climate's milder, calmer,
towering, powering skylines create drama.
Colour lingers dwarfed by glowering ranges
flowers blossom, bloom defying changes.



The river races, swelling, twirling
ever onwards debris, drifting, swirling.
This day is dreich, dark and dreary
Mist, thick, icy finger-nipping weary.



A special place this regal alpine splendour.
Where docile cows graze my heart is tender,
mountain lakes clear green with minerals
this bewitching, splendid, place of miracles.





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Jungfrau Range

The AV ends on this picture with a repeat of the last line.

I chose 'the lake in the mountains' music by Vaughan Williams from a National Trust CD set for the music to the pictures. I do of course have a full music licence which enables me to use copyright music.

I can't say this is the best AV I've ever made but I hope you found the write up interesting.

One criticism I have had of the AV is that I didn't need to show the verse as well as read it out. This is perhaps valid as, as teacher I know its bad practice but I did want to emphasize the poetry in this AV.

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