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I came home from school and there was a mystery box at the end of my bed.
I couldn't believe what was inside...

It was a portal, there was a note. It read "To my dearest, I know you love history, this portal I made will take you back in time to the place in the past you love most. If you want to go back home say the words "home sweet home" love grandma. I couldn't believe it! A portal, for ME? It makes no sense, how could you possibly go back in time?! I had to make an excuse for jumping in a Time portal. I've got it I hate tidying, it takes me so long so I am going to say "mum, dad I'm going to tidy my room so it won't take long on saturday." It's perfect and it worked. So I jumped in and sure enough there I was in my favourite time period... the tudor times! I was shocked it actually worked! Plop, Plop, PLOP. What was that? POO.

In the tudor times there were no toilets until Harrington built Elizabeth I's ~~Reign~~ ^{Reign}. Elizabeth I a flushing toilet. Until then people did their business in a bucket and threw it out the window. "FEEWW" I said when some poo landed by my feet. "Mind the poo ^{over}!"



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Said a man at a shop "I mean your majesty" as the same man knelt to the ground. I was too focused on the poo I never looked at my self. When I did I was 9 year old Elizabeth I! Two palace guards came along and took me to Henry VIII's throne room. Beside him was his third wife Jane seymore. "Oho again Elizabeth?" said the King with a confused face. "Go to your room. Mary has got a surprise for you." "Sorry father I've forgotten where my room is again." After our little talk my ladies in waiting guided me to my room. Sure enough princess Mary was there with a box it had my tirra for being a princess. "Thanks Mary" "Thank daddy" "Can I try them on?" I asked "sure" two seconds later I said "but without you all watching, even the servants" "Okay come on every one lets give her some personal space." said Mary. I took one deep breath after everyone left. "Home sweet Home" Poof! Now I'm back home snuggled up with my family (not the Tudor ones)

