

Creative Strand: Stimulus 5

An extract of
Love Poem: Chimera from Bestiary,
Donika Kelly, 2016

On the Artist

Donika Kelly's *Bestiary* is a catalogue of creatures, from the whale and ostrich to the Pegasus and chimera to the centaur and griffin. Among them too are poems of love, self-discovery, and travel.

Points to unpack

- Mythical creatures – a hybrid of animal/human
- Love and relationships, with oneself and other
- Unity
- Rhythm
- Folklore and Greek mythology
- Michael Keegan Dolan's *'MAM'*
- Identity

Source - [Poet | Donika Kelly](#)

*I thought myself lion and serpent. Thought
myself body enough for two, for we.
Found comfort in never being lonely.*

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*What strong neck, what bright eye. What menagerie
are we. What we've made of ourselves.*