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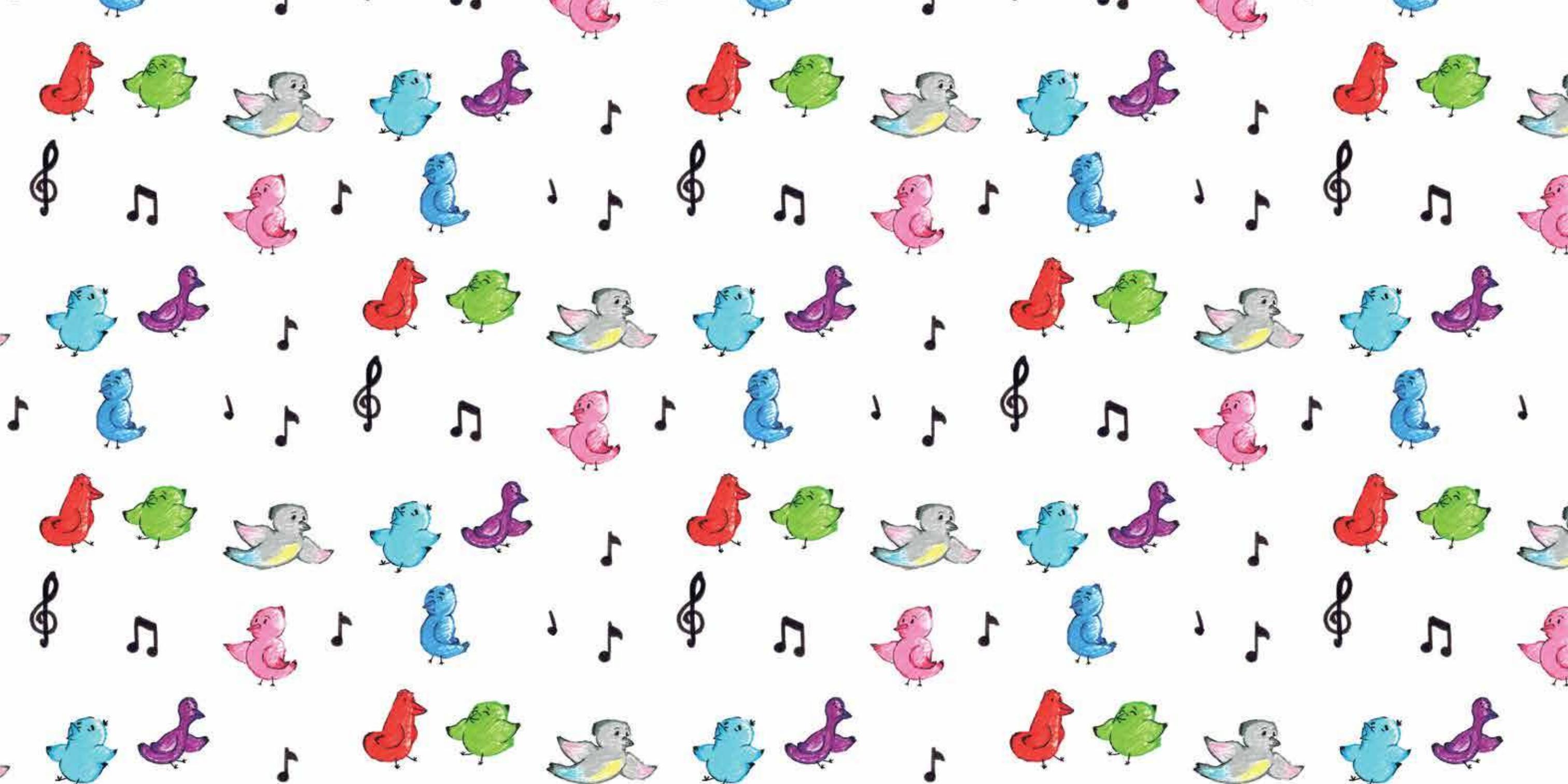


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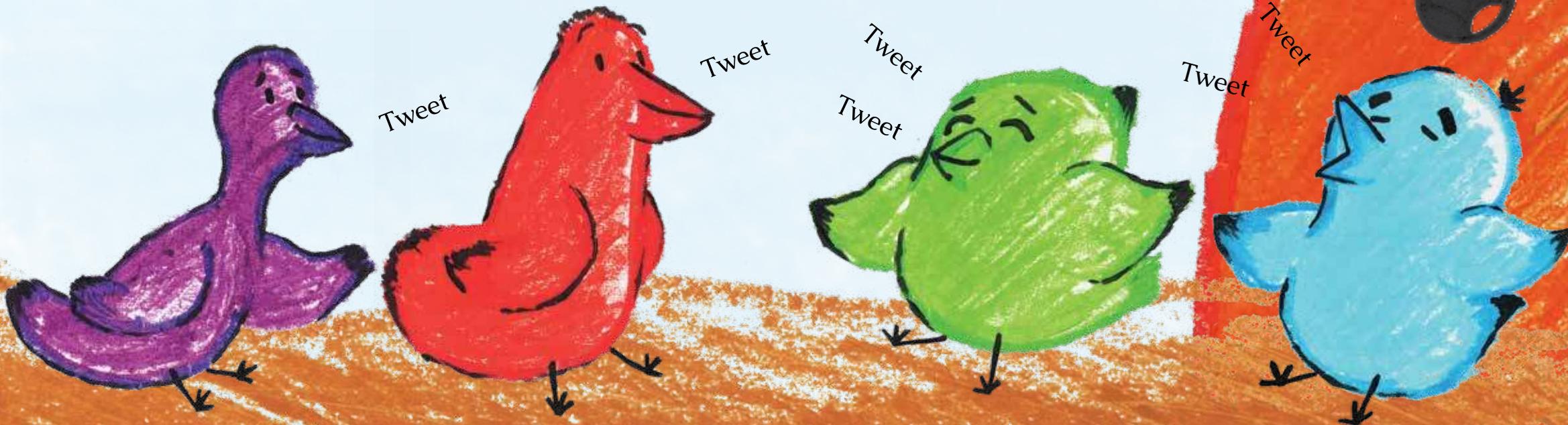
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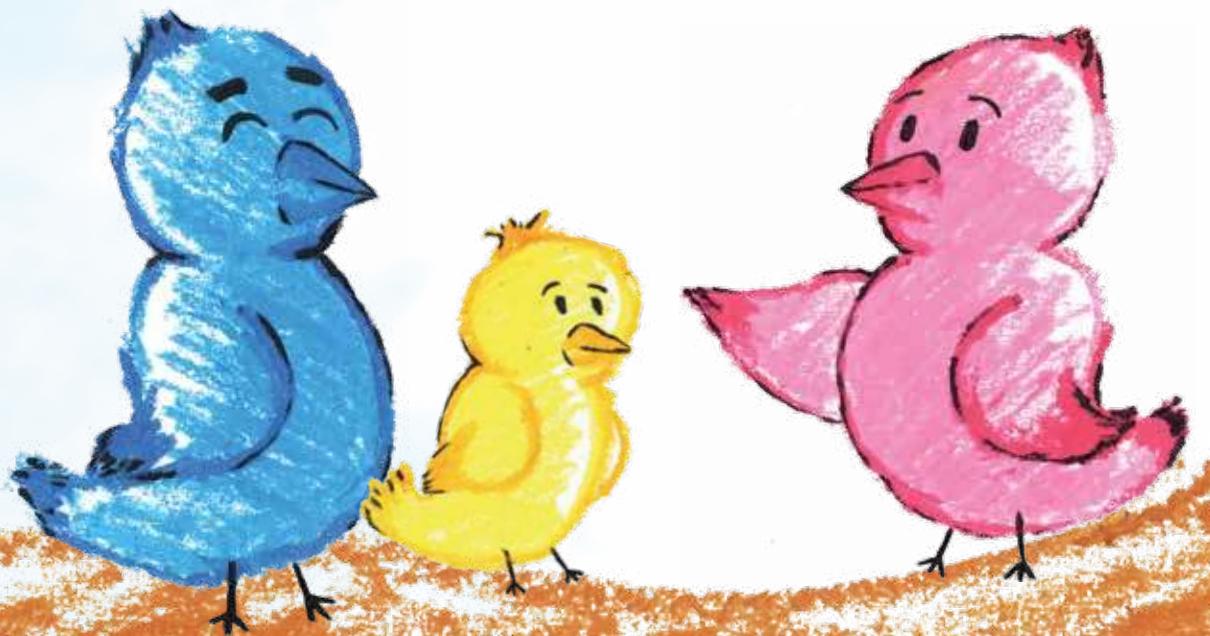
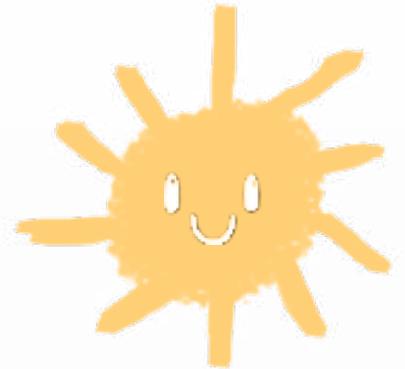


A long time ago, in the forest of Happy-Land, birds and trees could talk to each other.



There was a bird family with three children:  
Blue, Pink and Yellow.

They all lived on a big wise tree  
called Mamango.



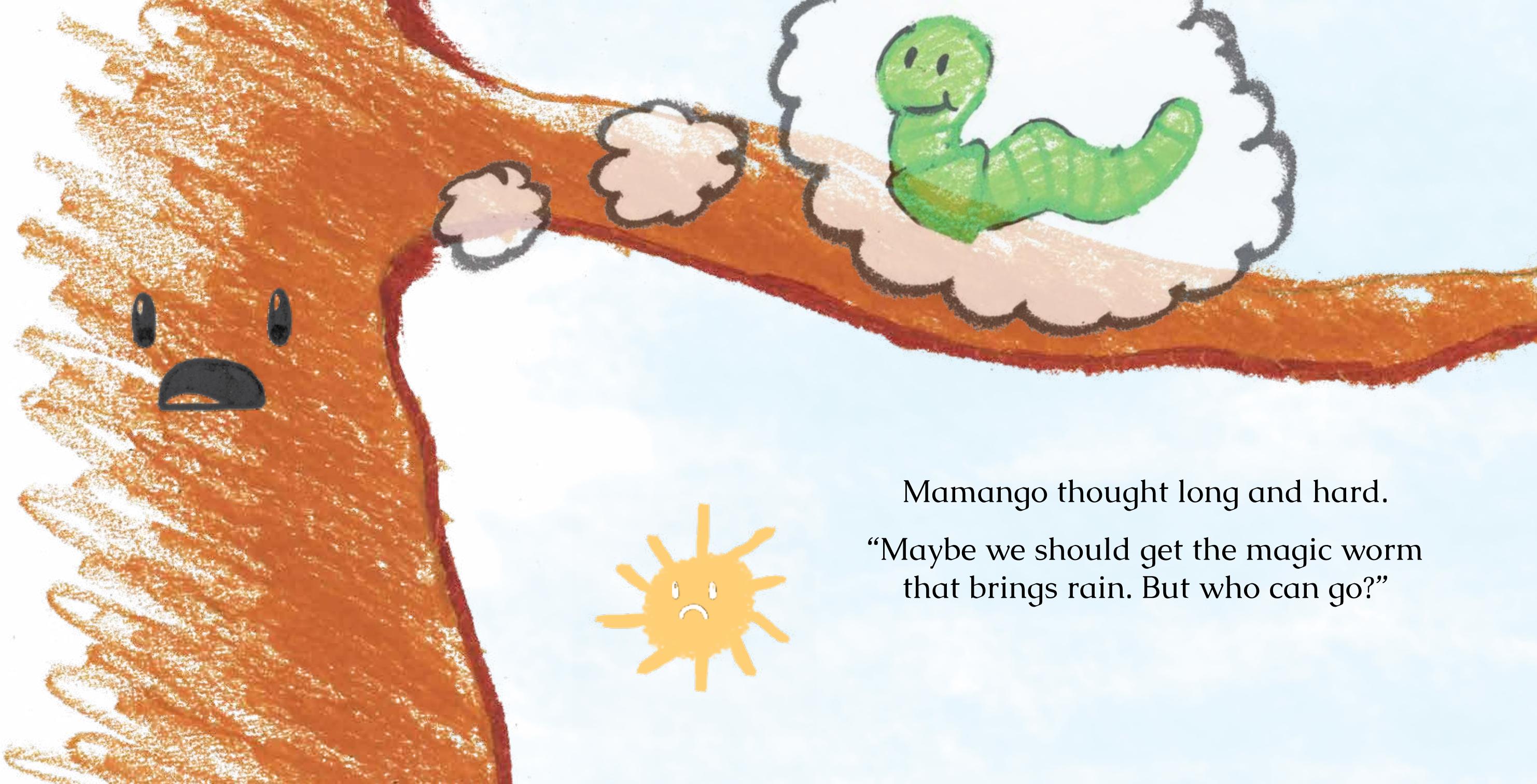


Mama Birdie's voice was beautiful! She would wake up early to sing her song.

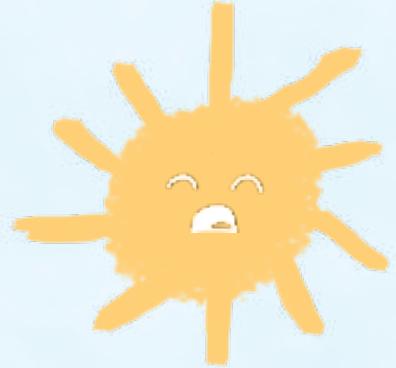




But drought set in on the land. Rivers  
dried up and leaves fell off.



Mamango thought long and hard.  
“Maybe we should get the magic worm  
that brings rain. But who can go?”

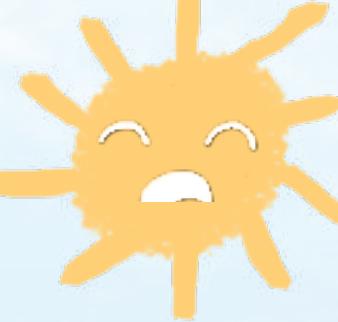


“I will go. I am not afraid,”  
Mama Birdie said.



Everyone missed Mama Birdie, and  
her song. Would she ever find her way  
back home?

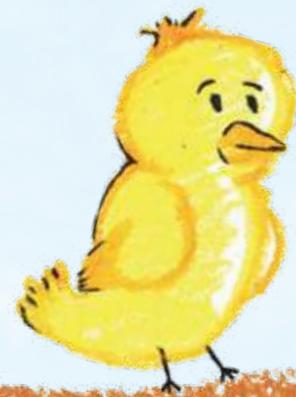


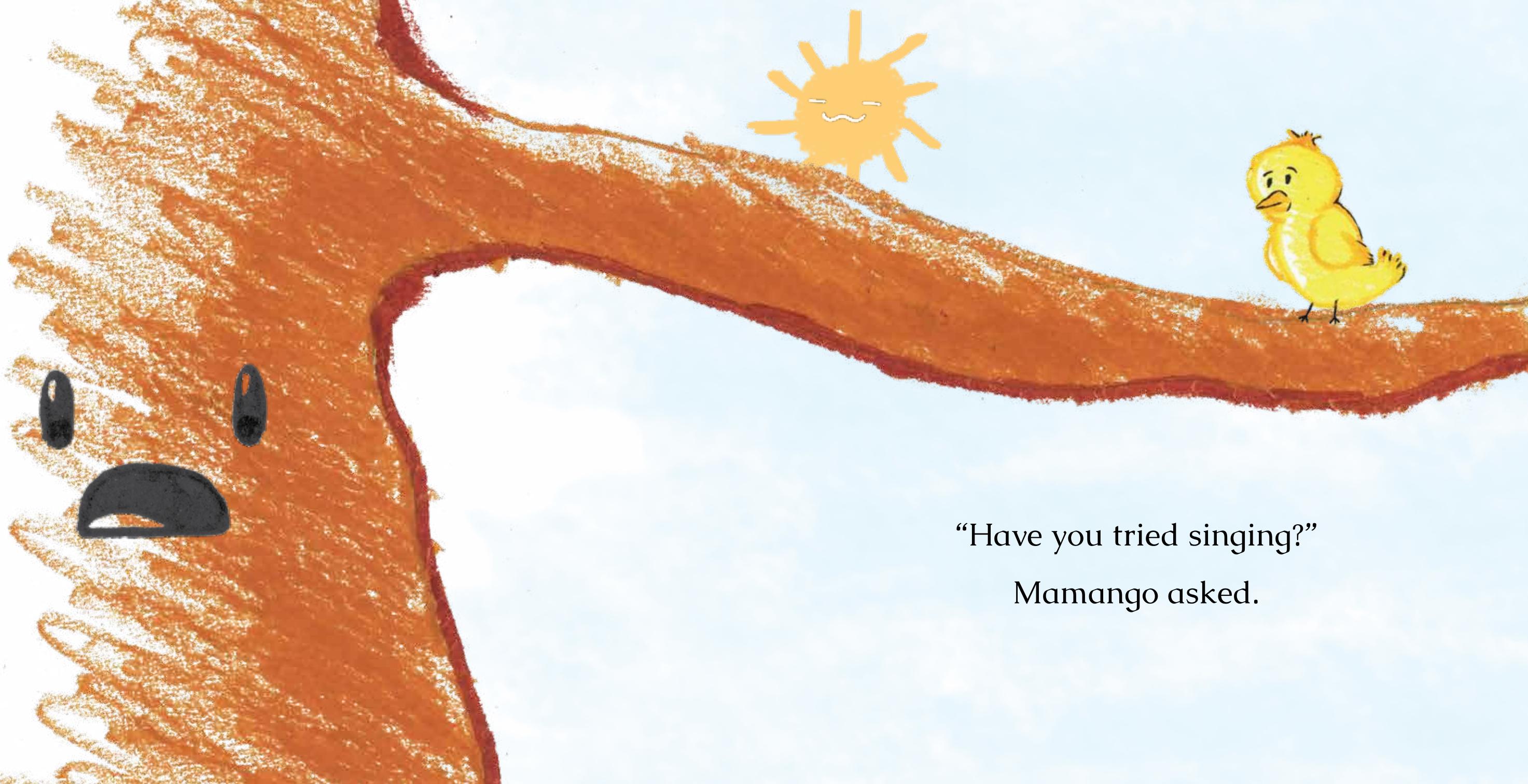


“What if we sing Mama’s song?”  
Yellow asked.

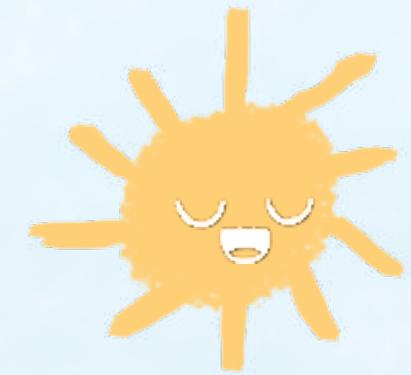
“Mama said if we sing her song, she  
will find her way back.”

“But I don’t know how to sing!”  
cried Pink.

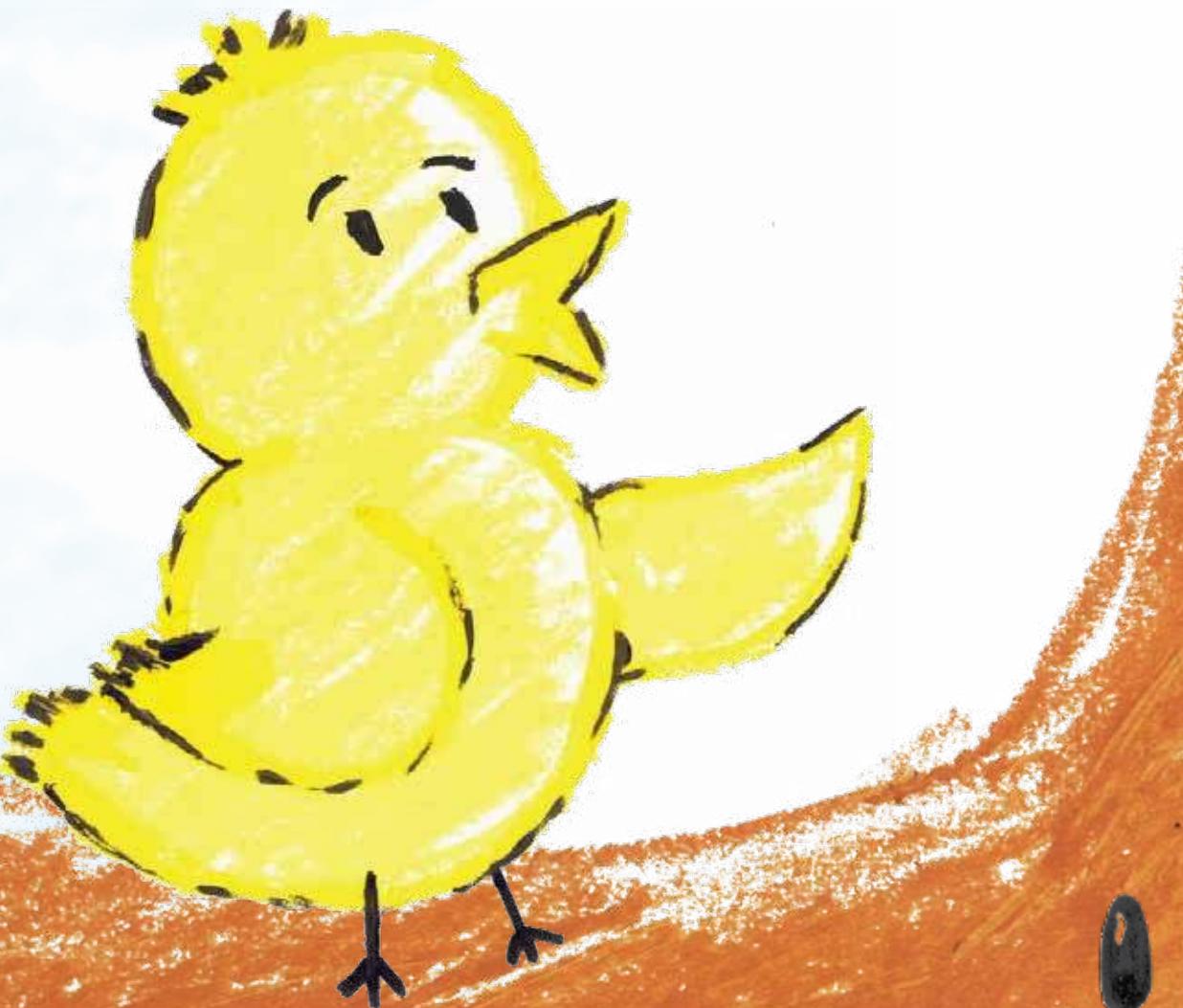




“Have you tried singing?”  
Mamango asked.



“I have tried singing,”  
said Yellow.  
“I can teach you.”





Early the next morning, Yellow  
sang Mama's song:

*"It's a beautiful morning!"*



*We wake up and shine!"*



And rain started falling.





Eventually, all the birds joined  
Yellow in song.

Mama Birdie found her way back  
to Happy-Land.

And from then on, birds sang at dawn.

