

# You Are a Gift to the World

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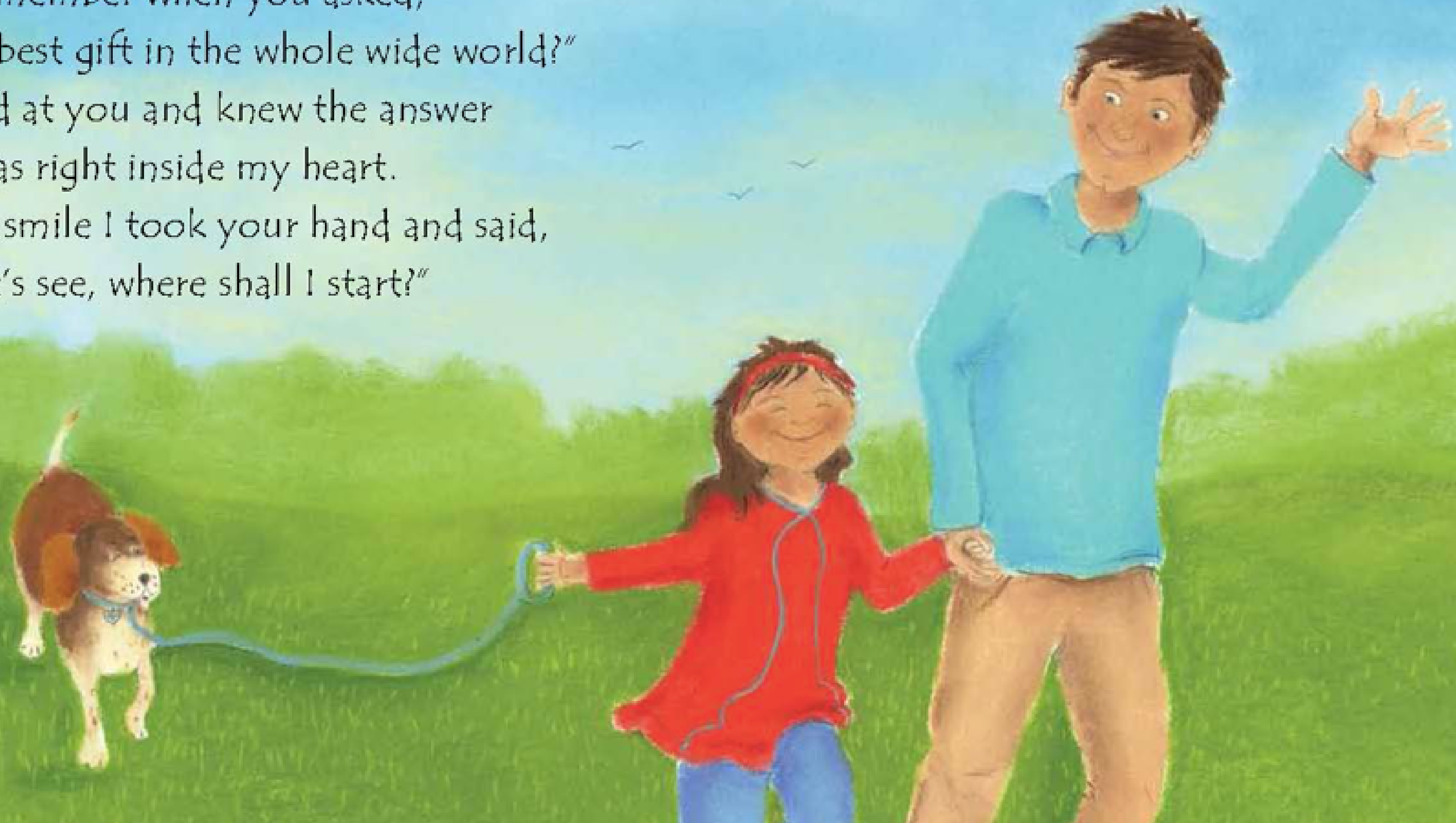
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This book is dedicated to  
my nieces and nephews –  
especially to  
Michaela McMonkey McBean  
and to my Dad –  
for passing on the ability  
to write a good poem!

I remember when you asked,  
"What's the best gift in the whole wide world?"  
I looked at you and knew the answer  
was right inside my heart.  
With a big smile I took your hand and said,  
"Let's see, where shall I start?"



You're a one-of-a-kind YOU  
better than I could have  
ever believed.

You are the best gift that  
I have ever received.







Your voice sings a  
sweet song belonging  
just to you.

I hear a melody filled with joy,  
wonder, and a note of laughter too.



Your smile lights up my life  
like the sun's golden rays.



Its glow brightens up my life  
in warm and tender ways.



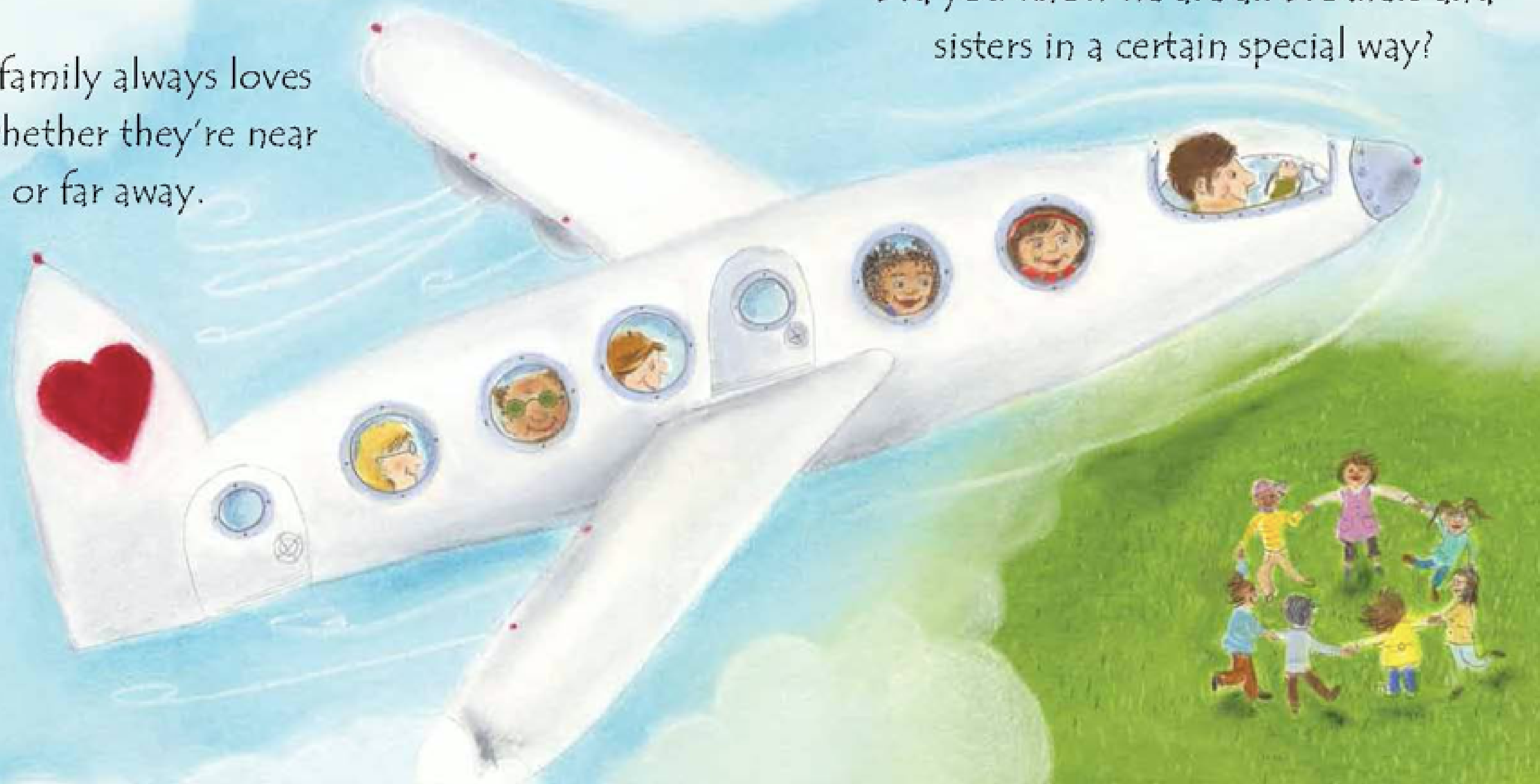
A big hug is the best present  
you and I can share.

When you wrap your arms  
around me tight, it shows  
how much you care.



Your family always loves  
you whether they're near  
or far away.

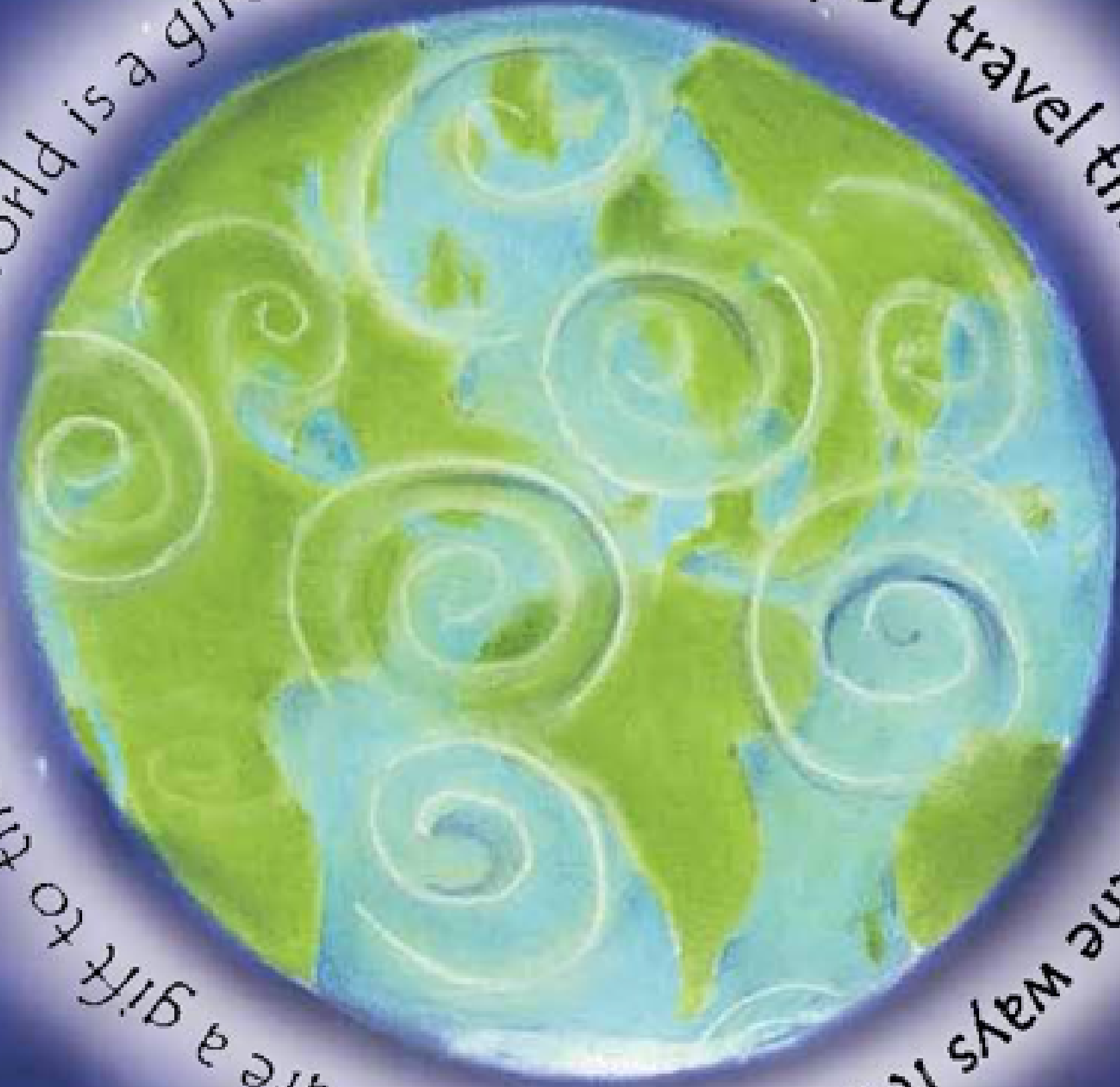
Did you know we are all brothers and  
sisters in a certain special way?





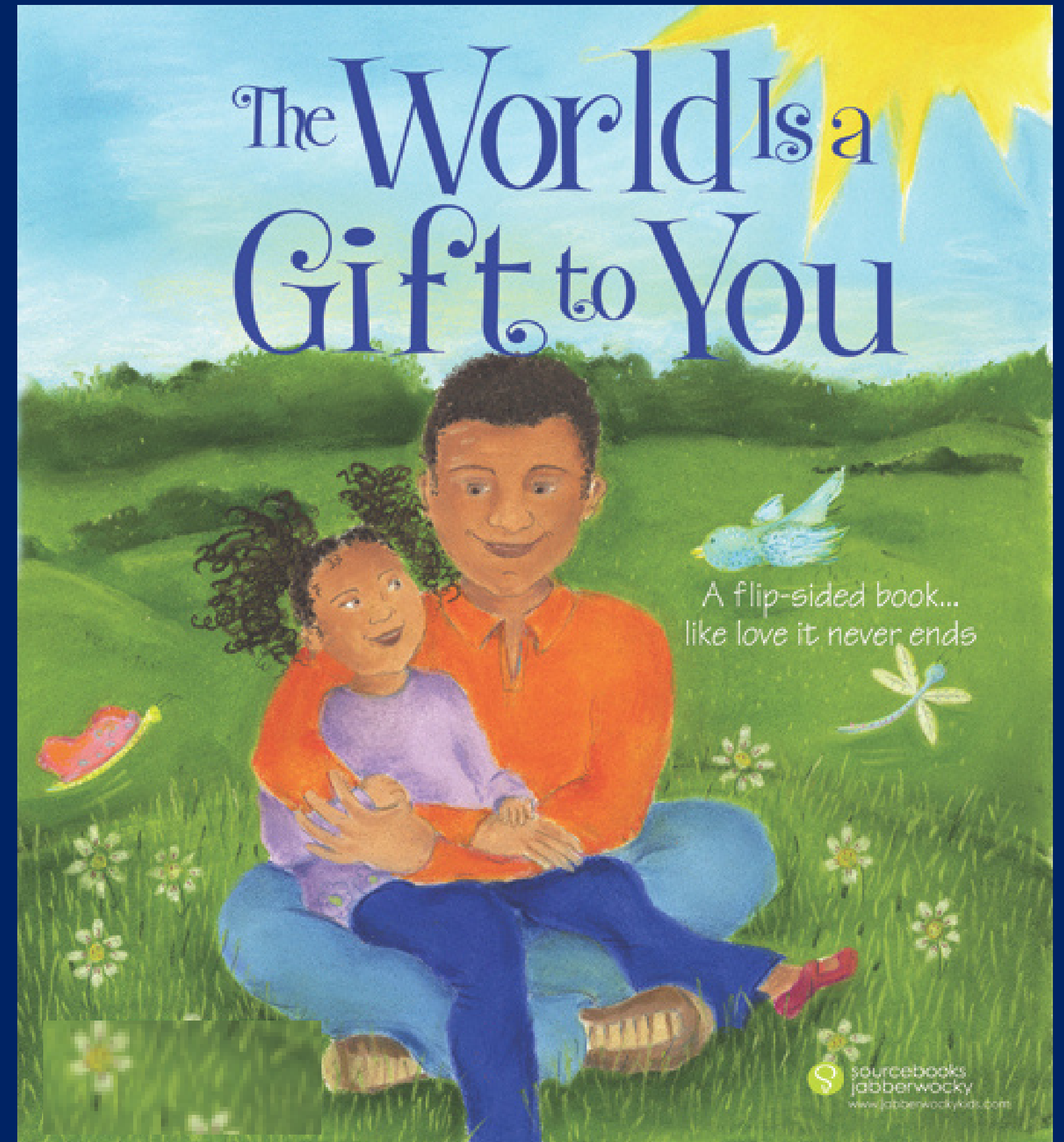
You are a gift to the world and the world is a gift to you.

SO as you travel through life, you see all the ways it's true...



Our book is created  
in a flip format --  
here is where you  
flip it over and  
begin reading from  
the other side.

Like love,  
it never ends...







I remember when you asked, "What's the  
biggest gift in the whole wide world?"

I took a deep breath and let this  
answer flow from my heart:  
"Right here where you are standing  
is the perfect place to start..."

You see the world itself is a big gift,  
full of miracles just like you and me.  
There is so much to discover,  
to learn, to do, and to see.

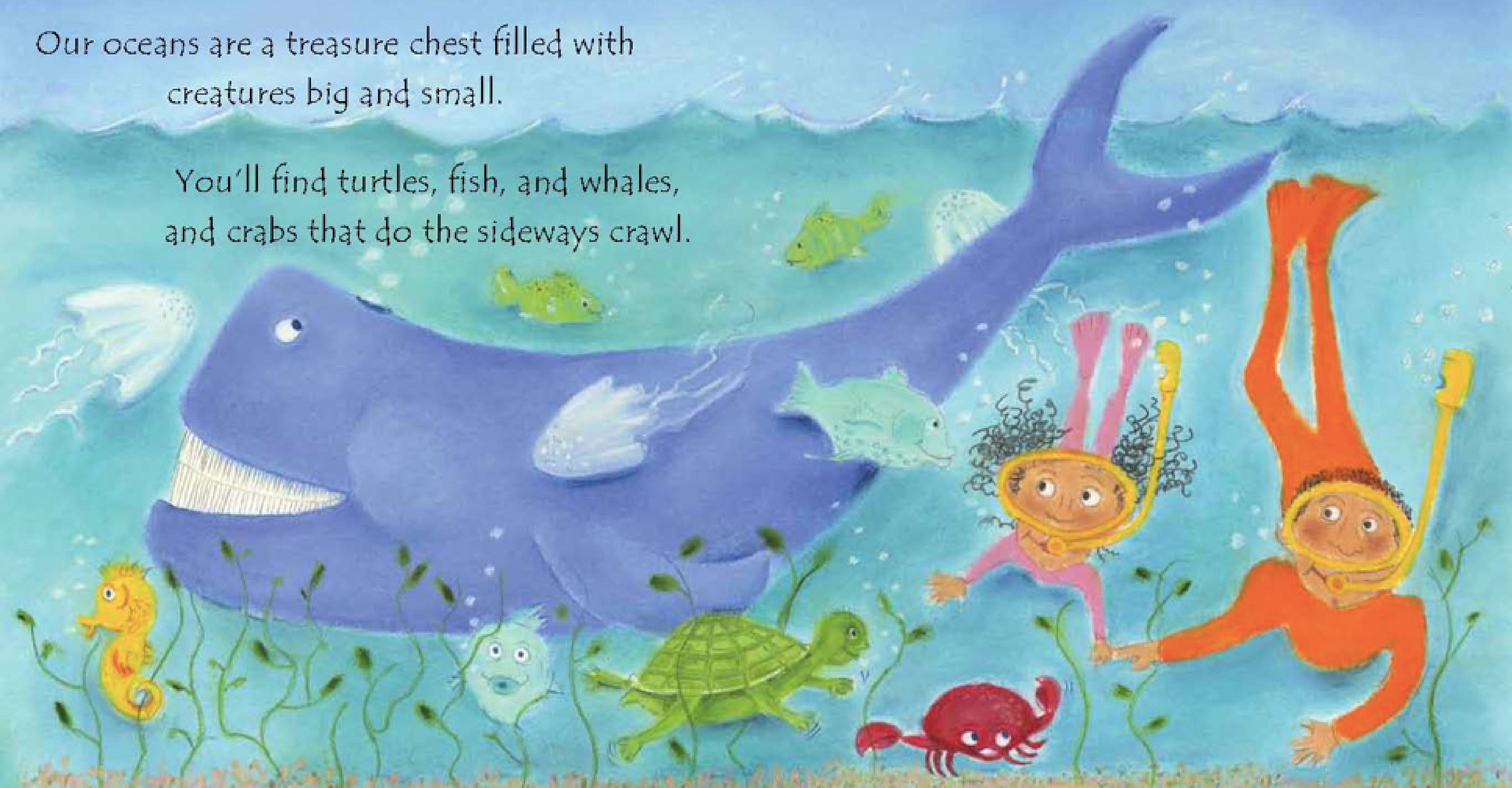



Flowers, plants, and trees  
all start from tiny seeds.  
As they grow, they help to make the  
food and air your body needs.



Our oceans are a treasure chest filled with  
creatures big and small.

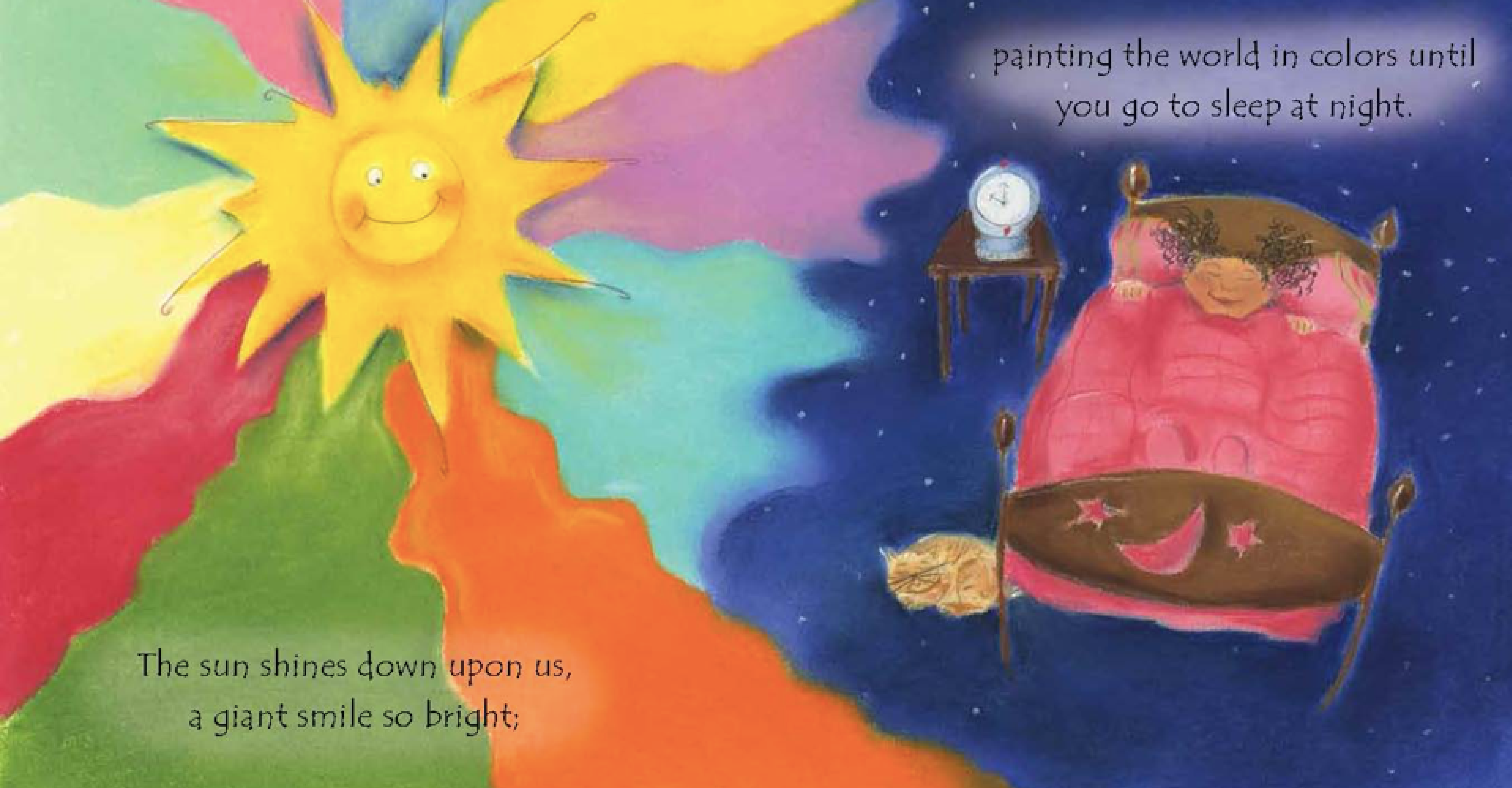
You'll find turtles, fish, and whales,  
and crabs that do the sideways crawl.





They're Mother Nature's  
pathway from the ground up  
to the sky.

Can you see the snowy mountaintops,  
reaching through the clouds so high?



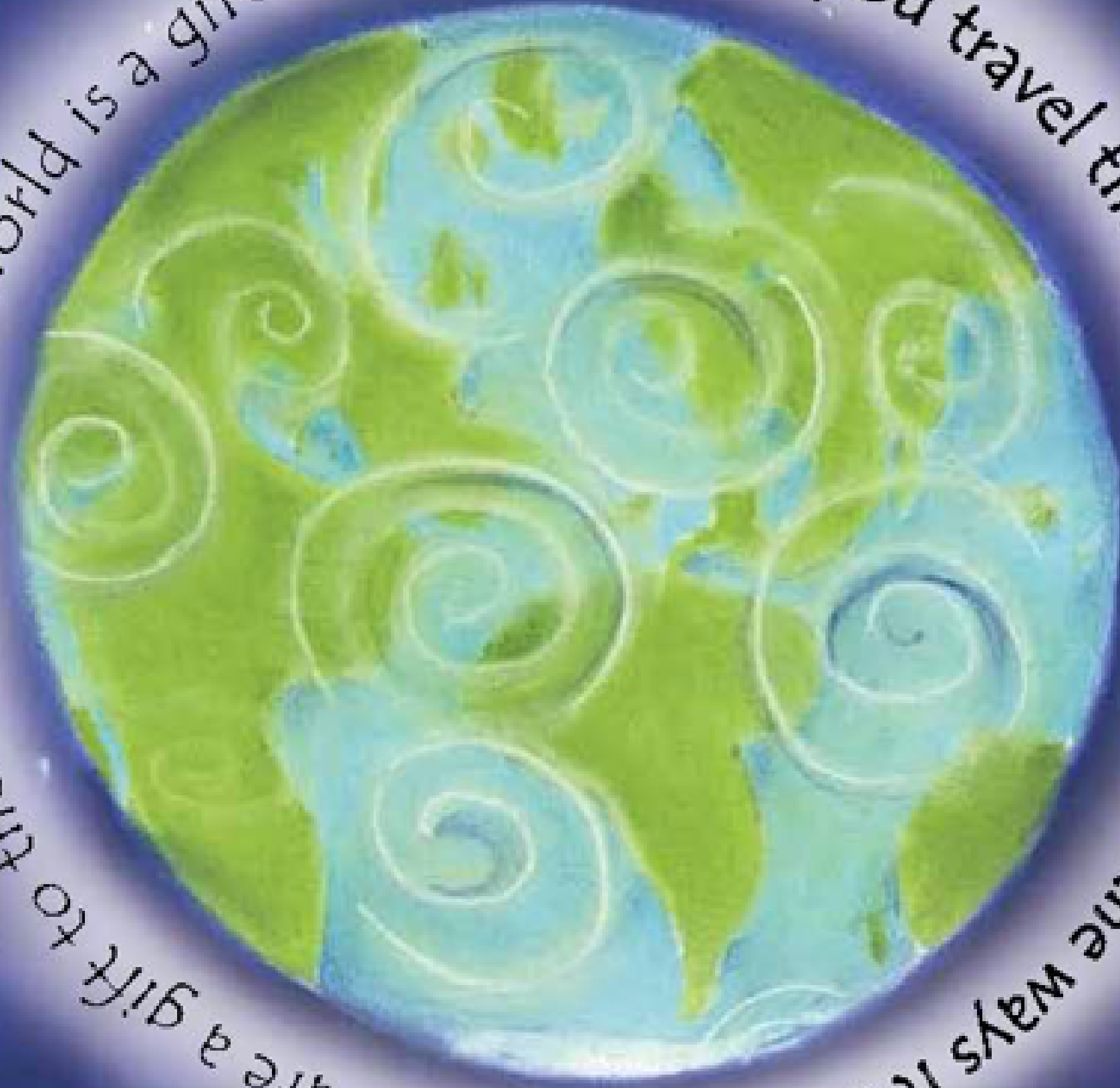
painting the world in colors until  
you go to sleep at night.

The sun shines down upon us,  
a giant smile so bright;

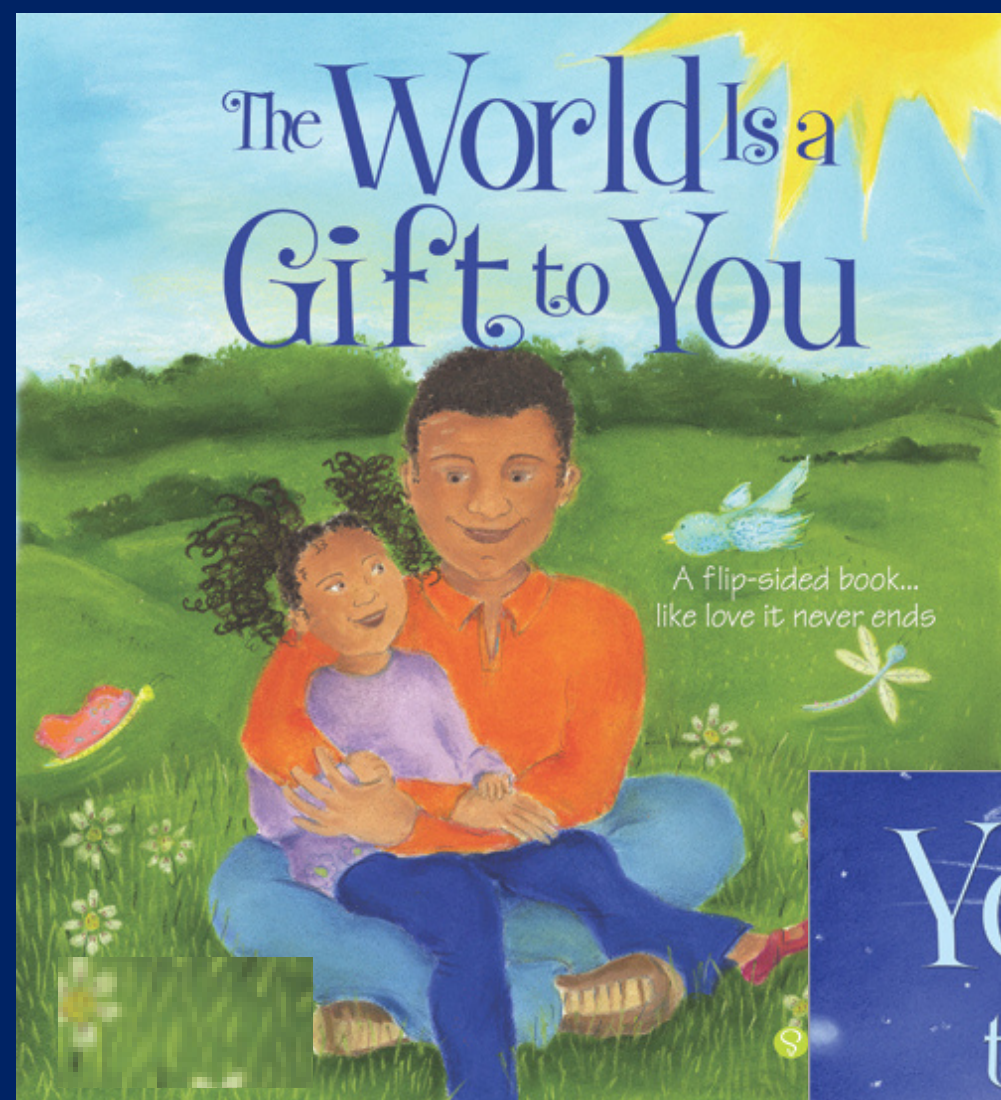


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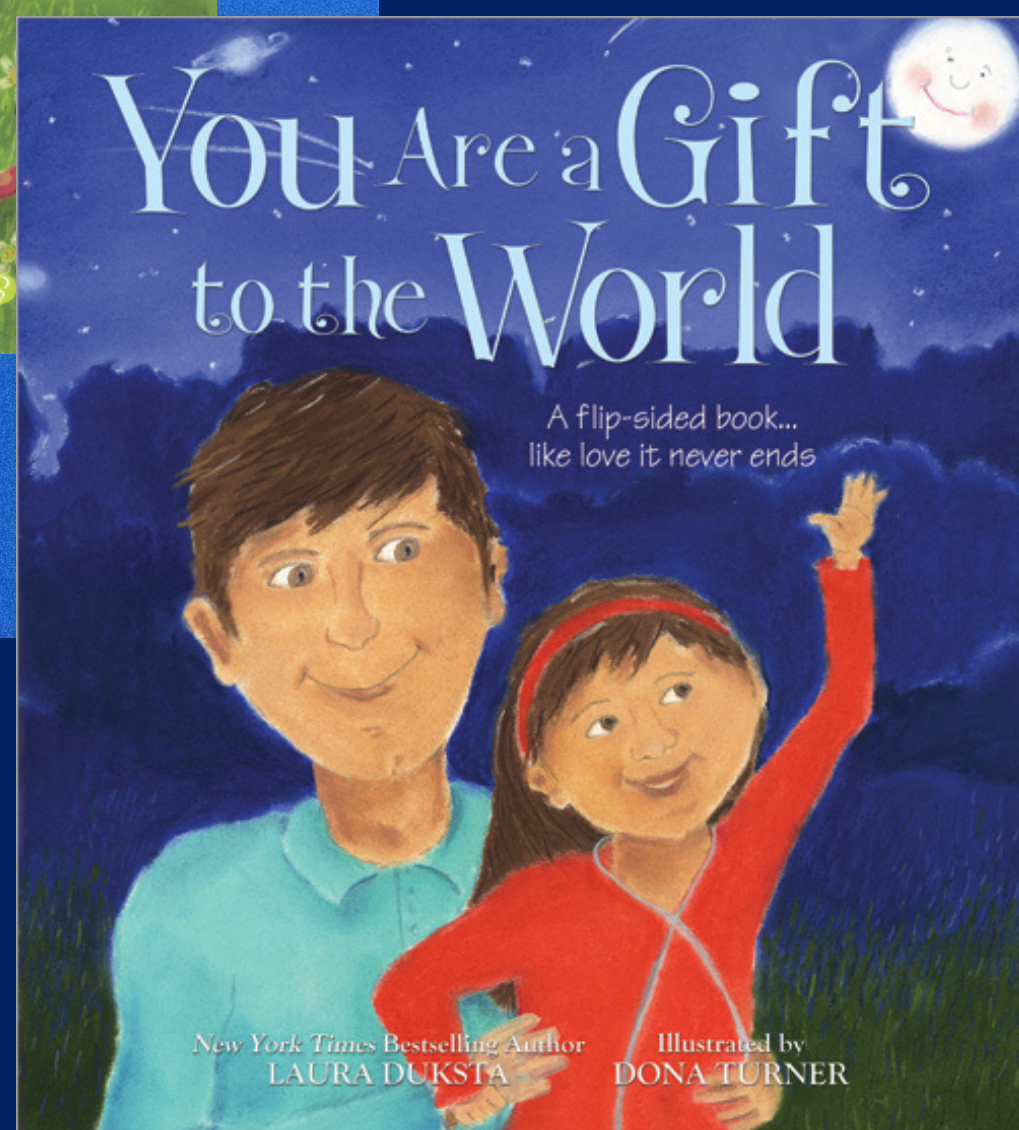




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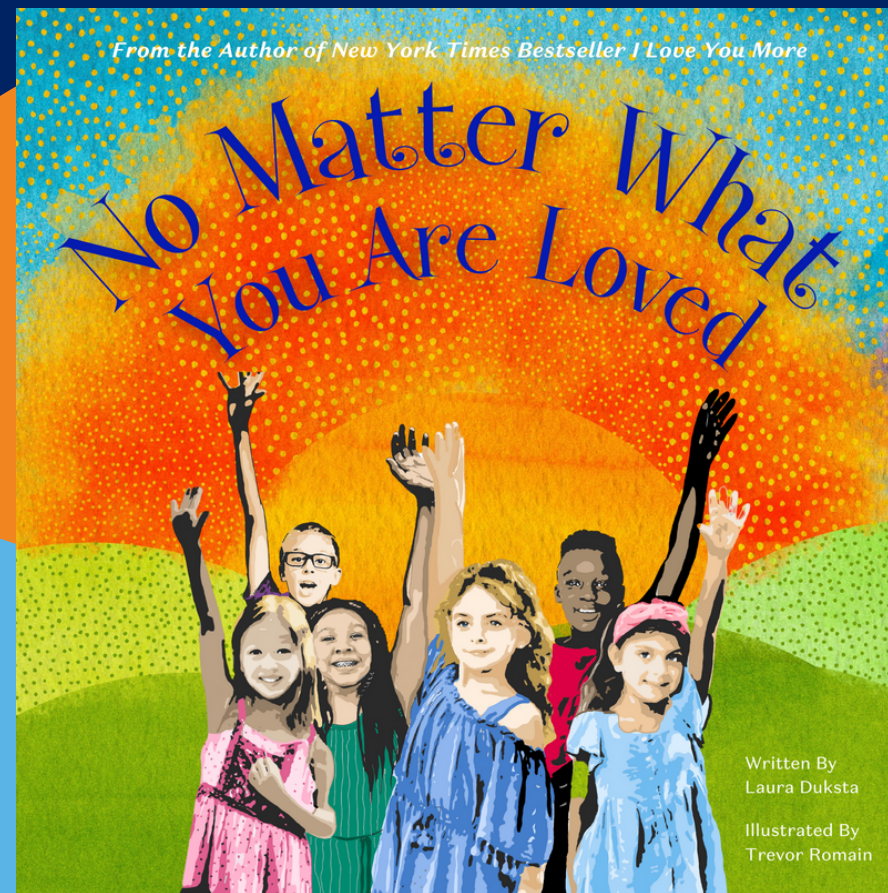
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