



# The Sun

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## Introduction

When I was 15, I was filled with a youthful dream—a desire to make a difference. Like so many of you, I would see people suffering and I wondered, “What can I, a young girl, do?” It was out of that yearning that I wrote this poem, “The Sun.” Thanks to Foundation 4Life and the 4Life® family, my childhood dream is coming true as we work together to help improve lives of children throughout the world.

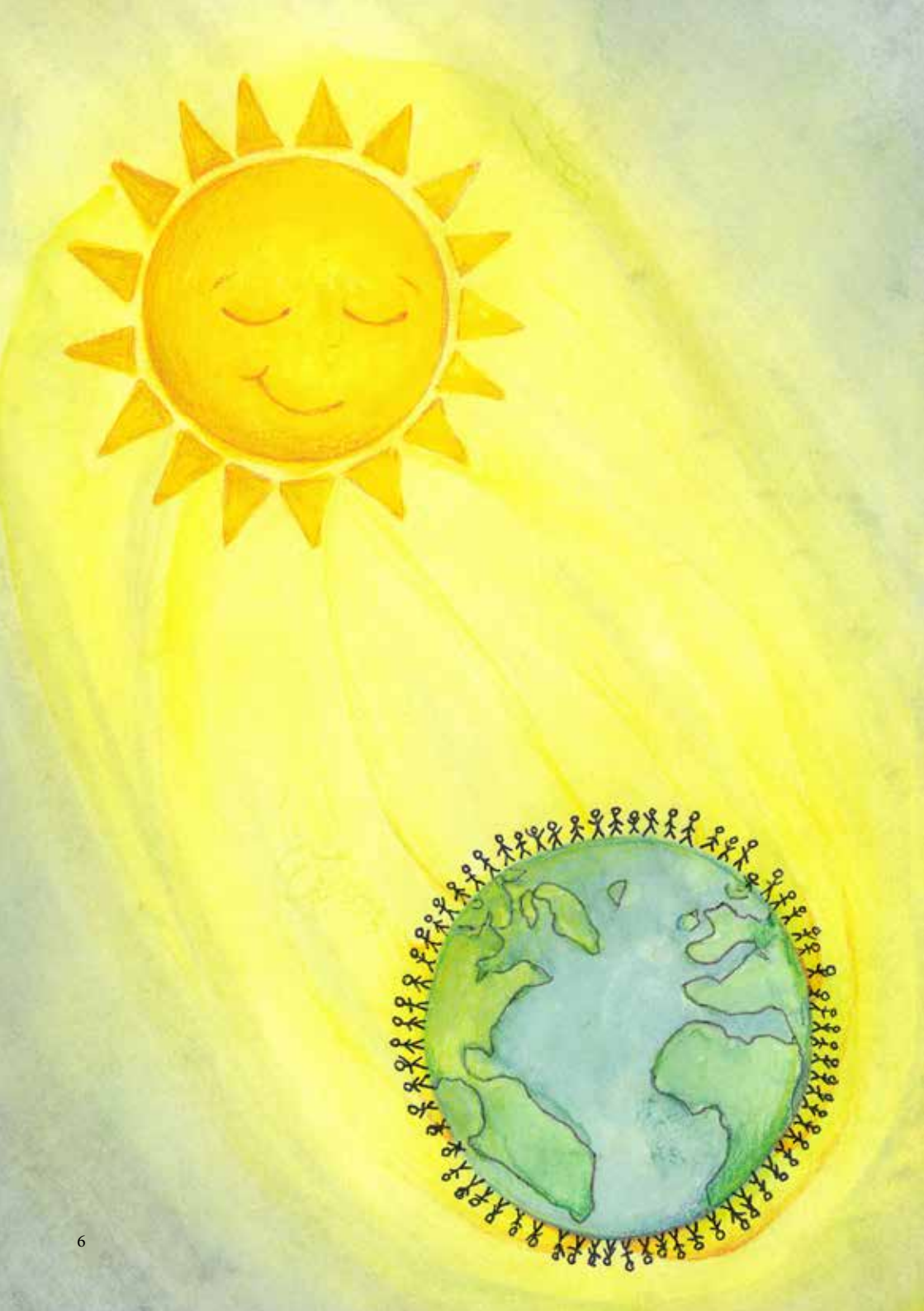
I dedicate this book to all our 4Life distributors. You are truly the beams of the “sun” of God’s love.

I’m grateful for the talents of our illustrator, Toe McKinley, for bringing my poem to life in this book.

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All proceeds from the sale of this book will go to Foundation 4Life to further our mission of improving the quality of life for children around the world.

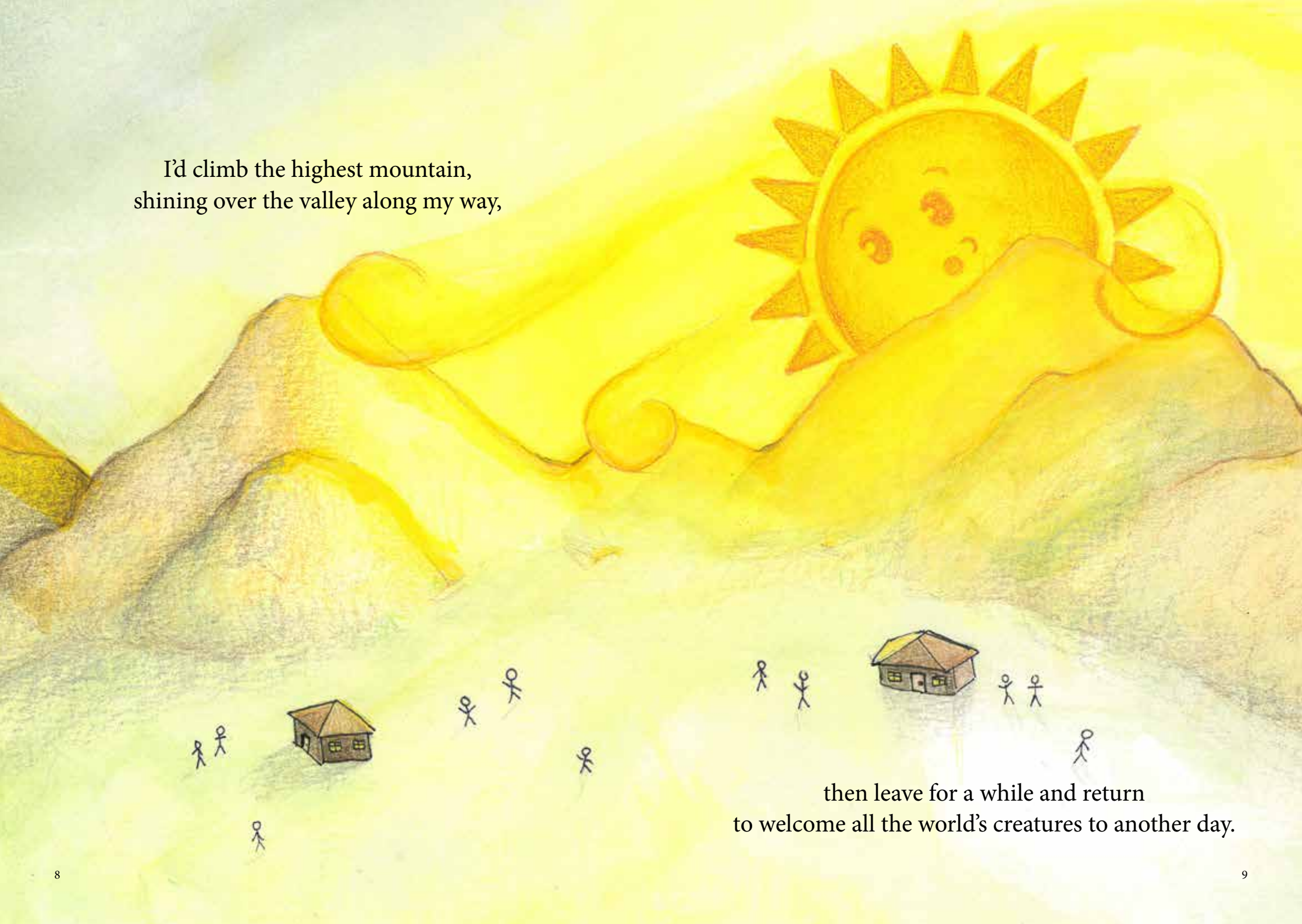
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Sometimes I long to be the sun,  
to touch all people, every single one.

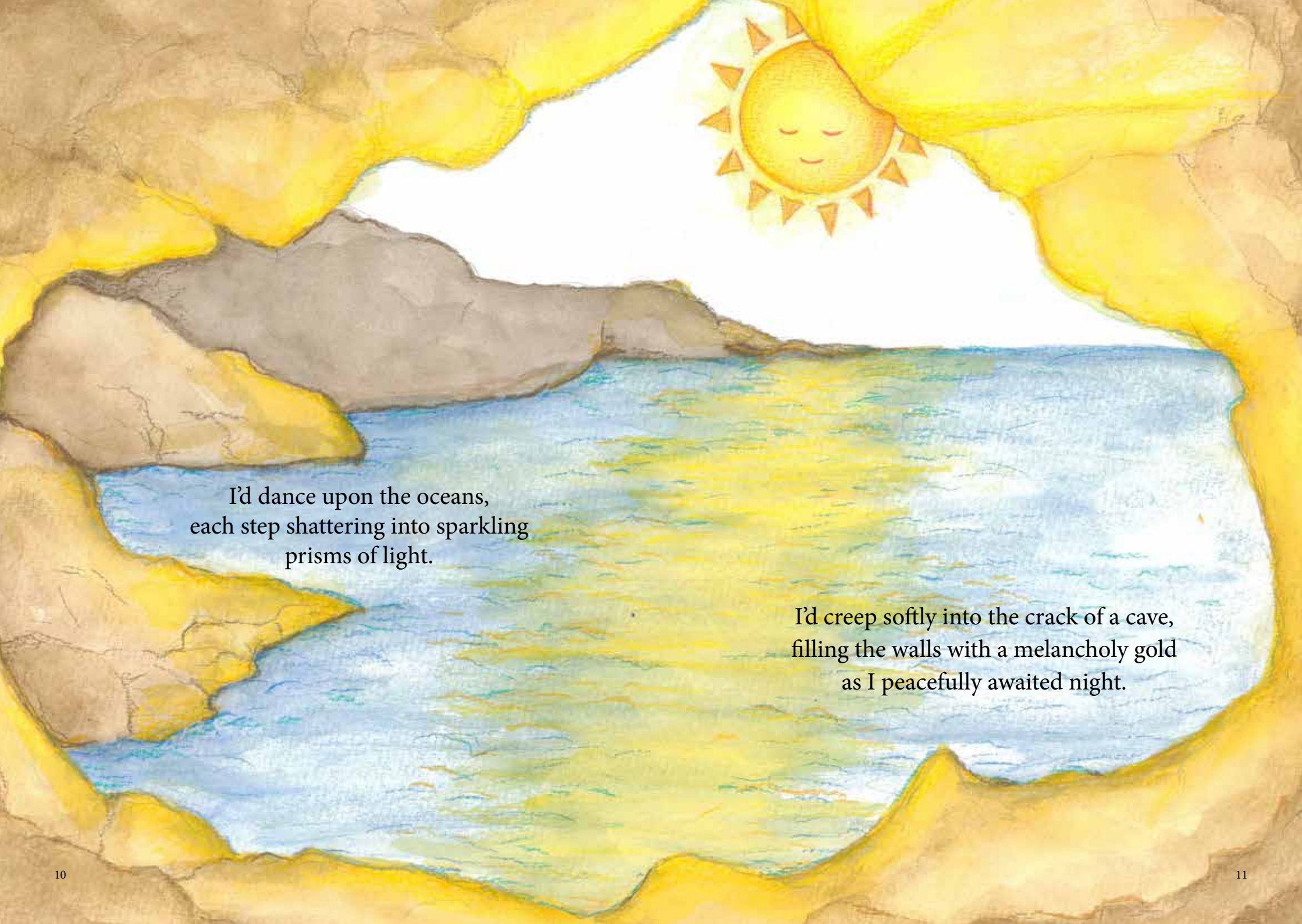


I'd climb the highest mountain,  
shining over the valley along my way,



then leave for a while and return  
to welcome all the world's creatures to another day.





I'd dance upon the oceans,  
each step shattering into sparkling  
prisms of light.

I'd creep softly into the crack of a cave,  
filling the walls with a melancholy gold  
as I peacefully awaited night.





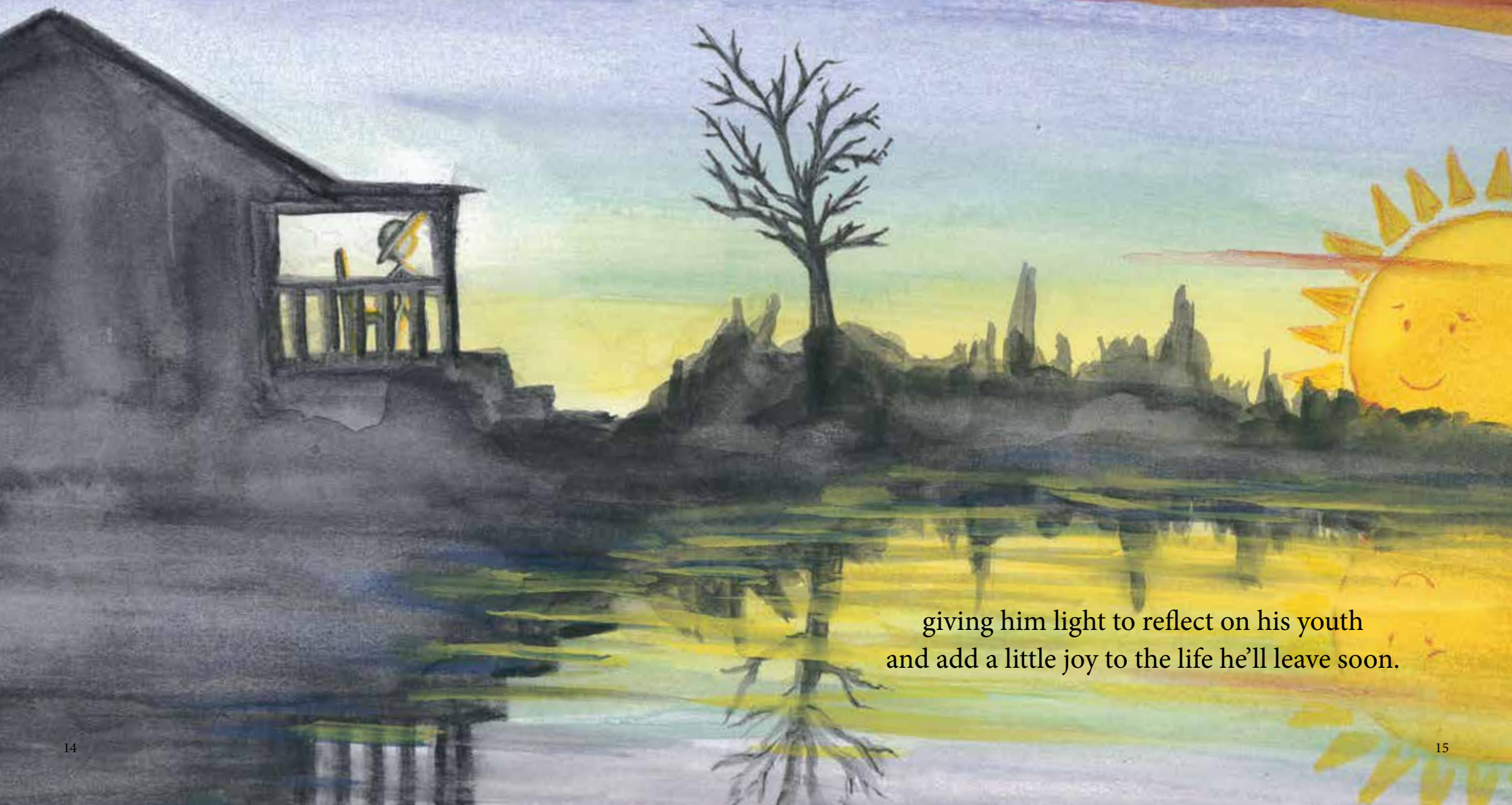
I would feel good knowing I was needed—  
that I could bring joy just by rising each day.

I would rest upon the cheeks of a tear-filled child  
and watch his eyes dry as he began to play.



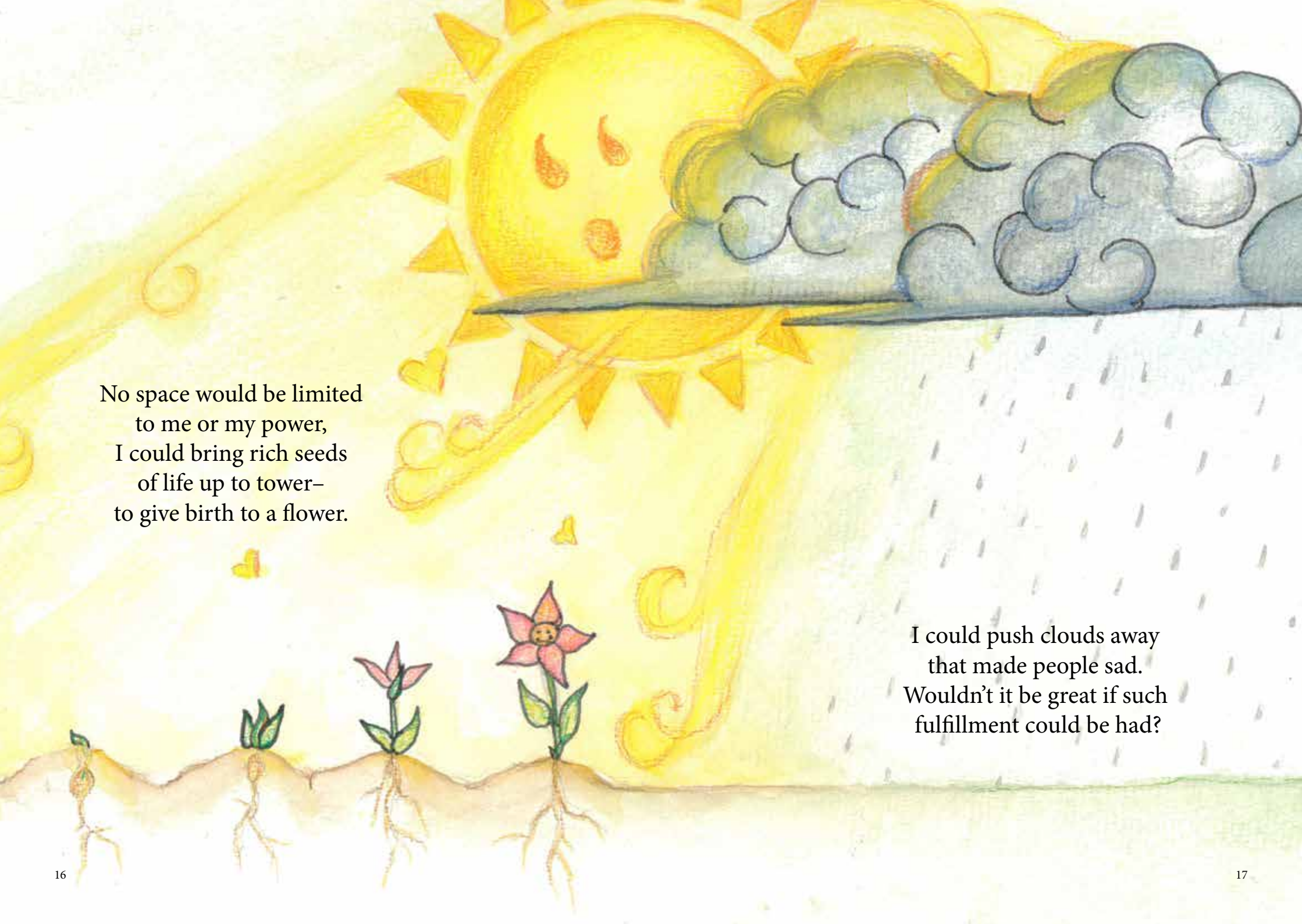


I would warm the heart of an aged old man  
as he sits on his porch one summer afternoon,



giving him light to reflect on his youth  
and add a little joy to the life he'll leave soon.

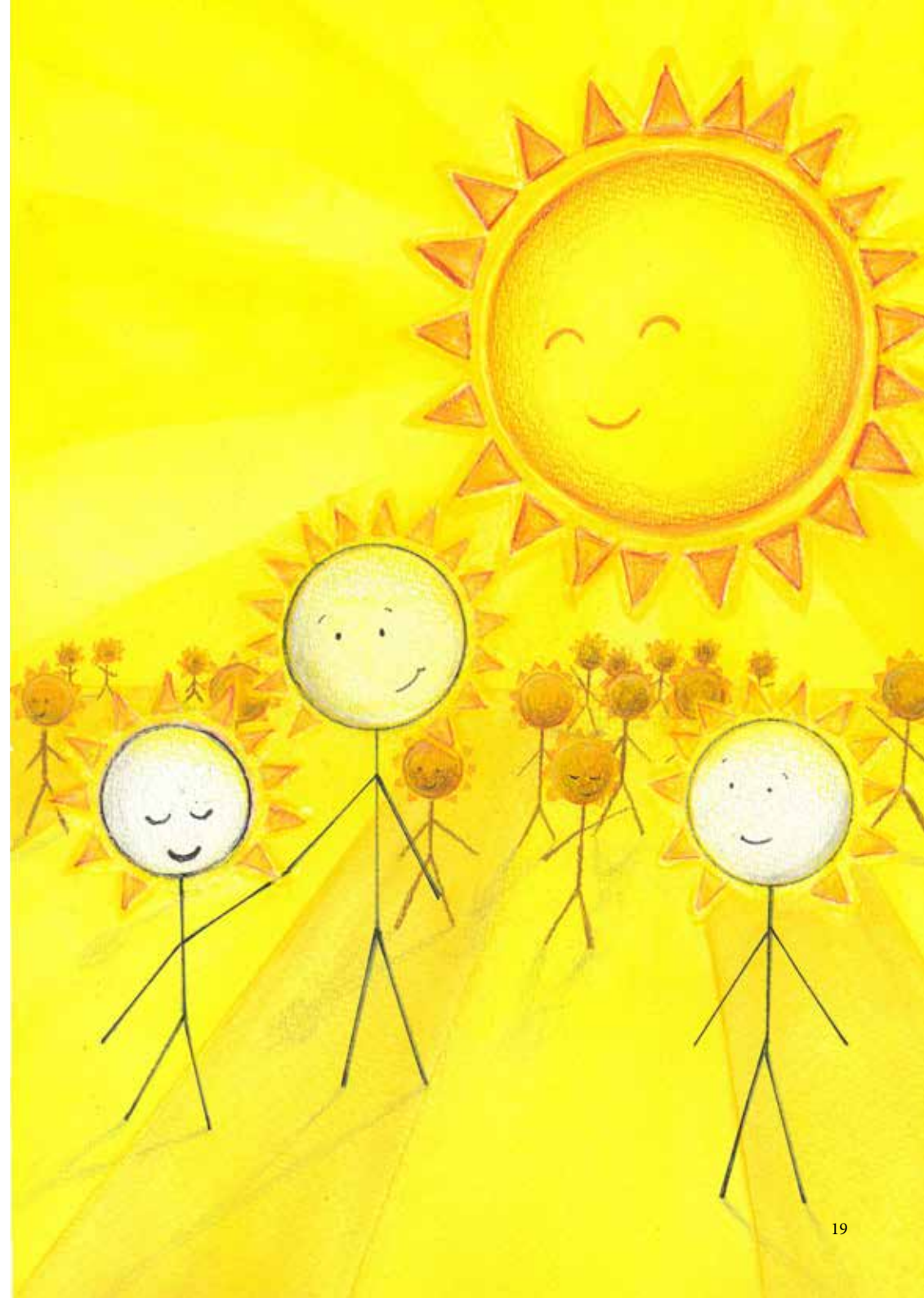




No space would be limited  
to me or my power,  
I could bring rich seeds  
of life up to tower—  
to give birth to a flower.

I could push clouds away  
that made people sad.  
Wouldn't it be great if such  
fulfillment could be had?

But maybe, we too  
can give light and warmth to this world  
and dry children's tears and push clouds from above,  
for we are something greater, even more expressive,  
we are all beams of the sun of God's love.







## *About the Author*

Bianca Palmieri Lisonbee's parents immigrated by boat to the United States from Italy. She was born during their voyage and named after the ship—the S.S. Conte Biancamano. She grew up in Virginia and later moved to Utah, where she met and married the love of her life, David Lisonbee. She graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in Speech and Drama and Children's Literature. Together, she and David founded 4Life. They are the parents of five children and 13 grandchildren. Bianca is passionate about helping make life better for children around the world.





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