Unit 2

Meeting People Around the World

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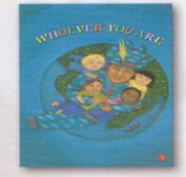
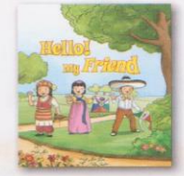
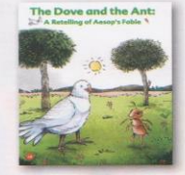
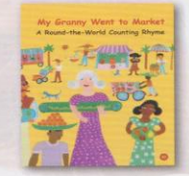








The Big Question

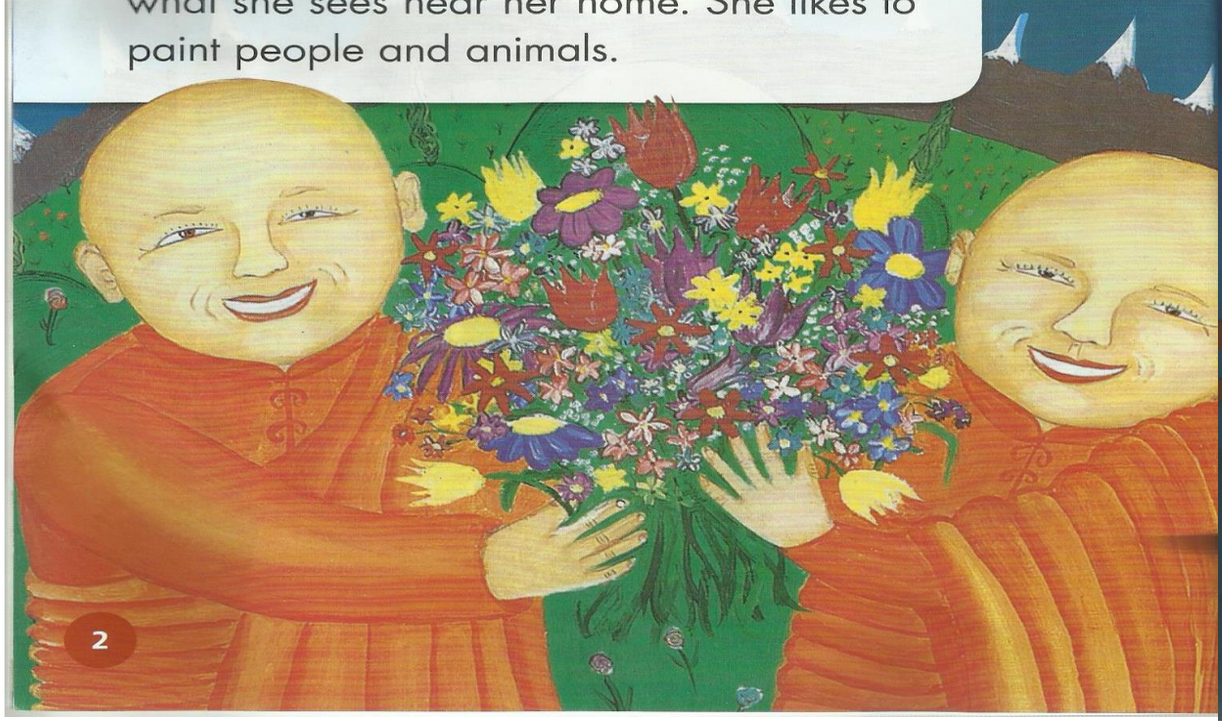
How are people from around the world different and the same?

Meet the Author

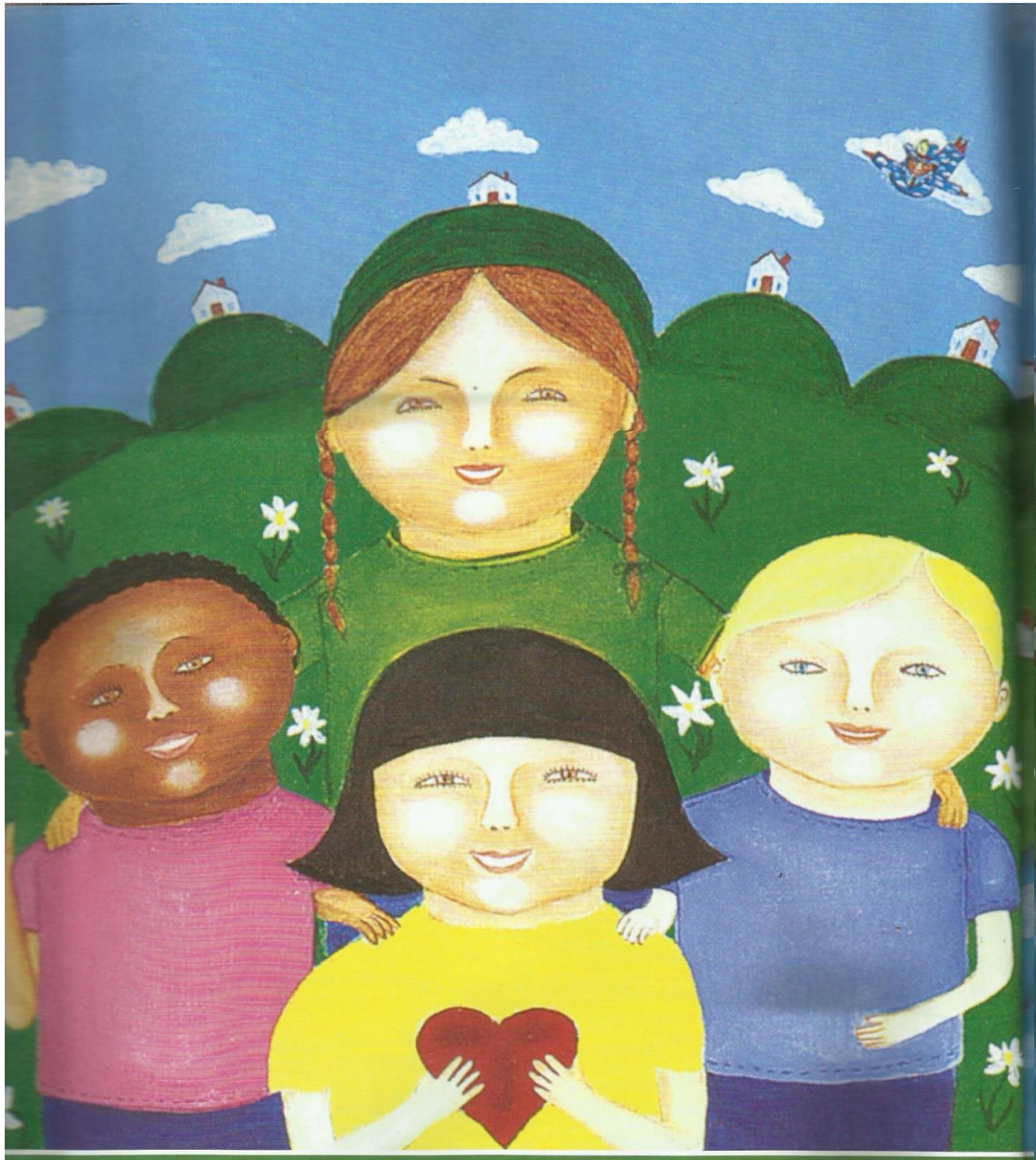
Mem Fox is from Australia. She lived in Africa when she was younger. She learned to write with chalk and a black board. Now, she writes books for children.

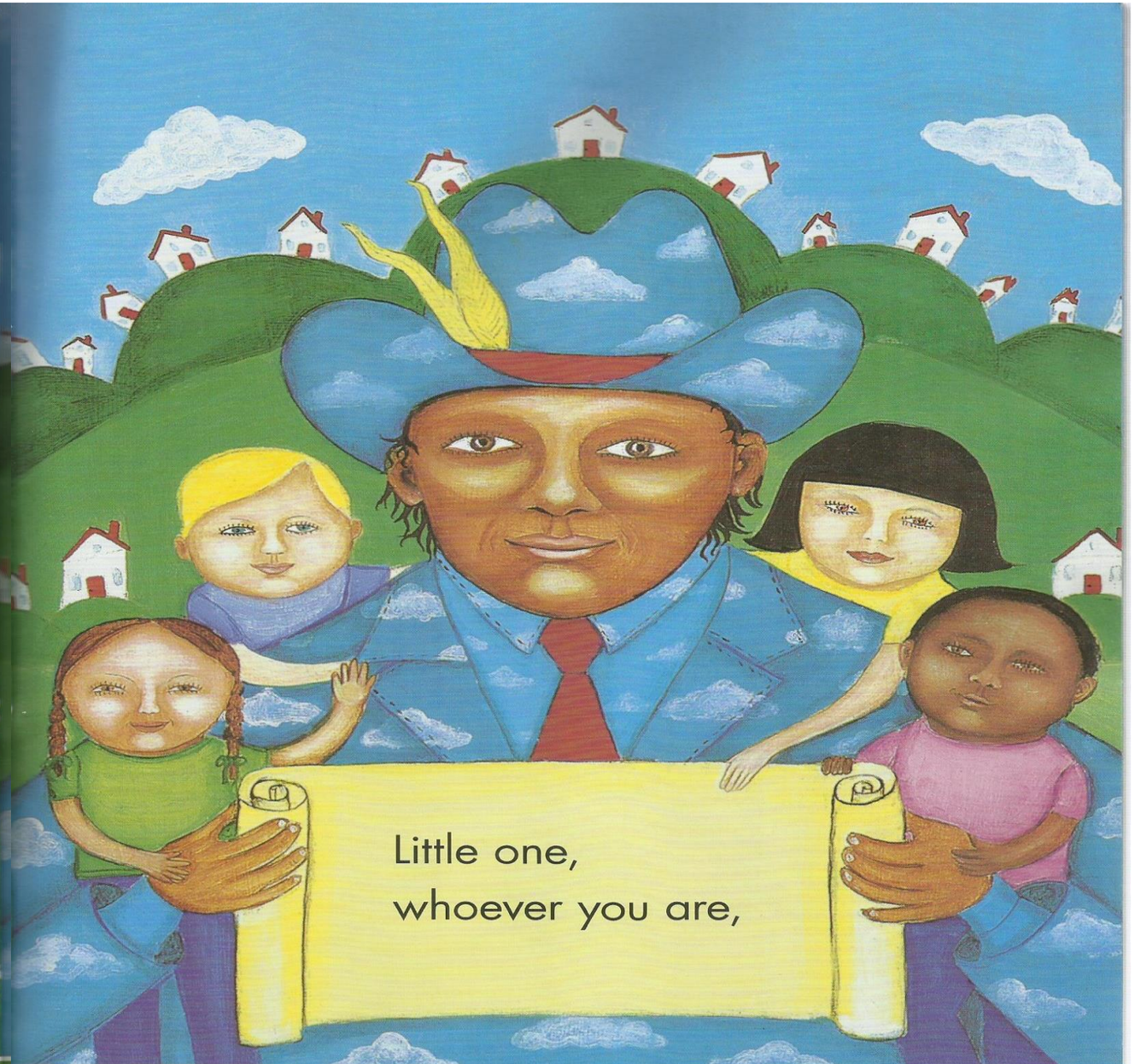
Meet the Illustrator

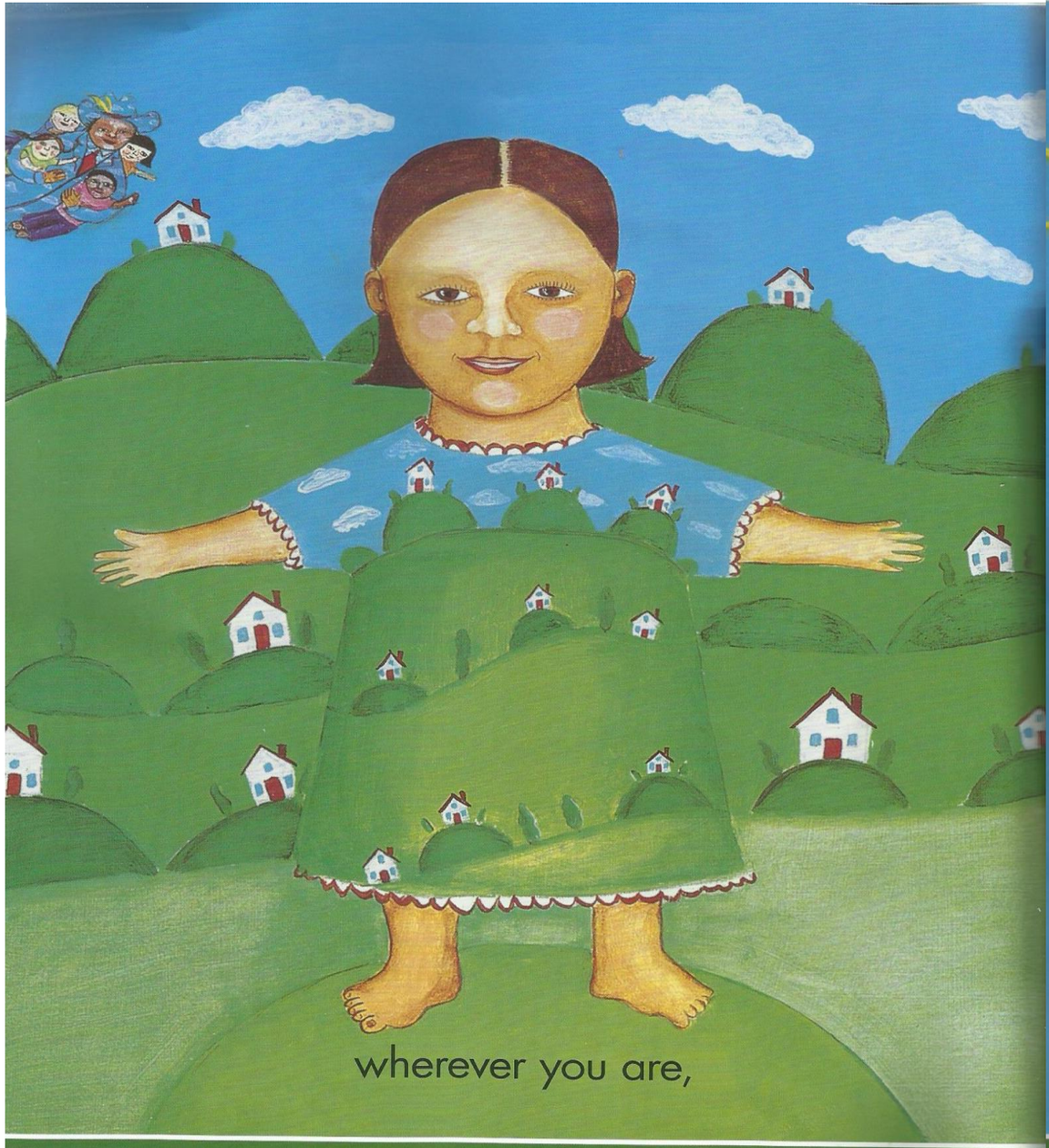
Leslie Staub is from New Orleans. She likes to live near nature. She loves to paint what she sees near her home. She likes to paint people and animals.



WHOEVER YOU ARE



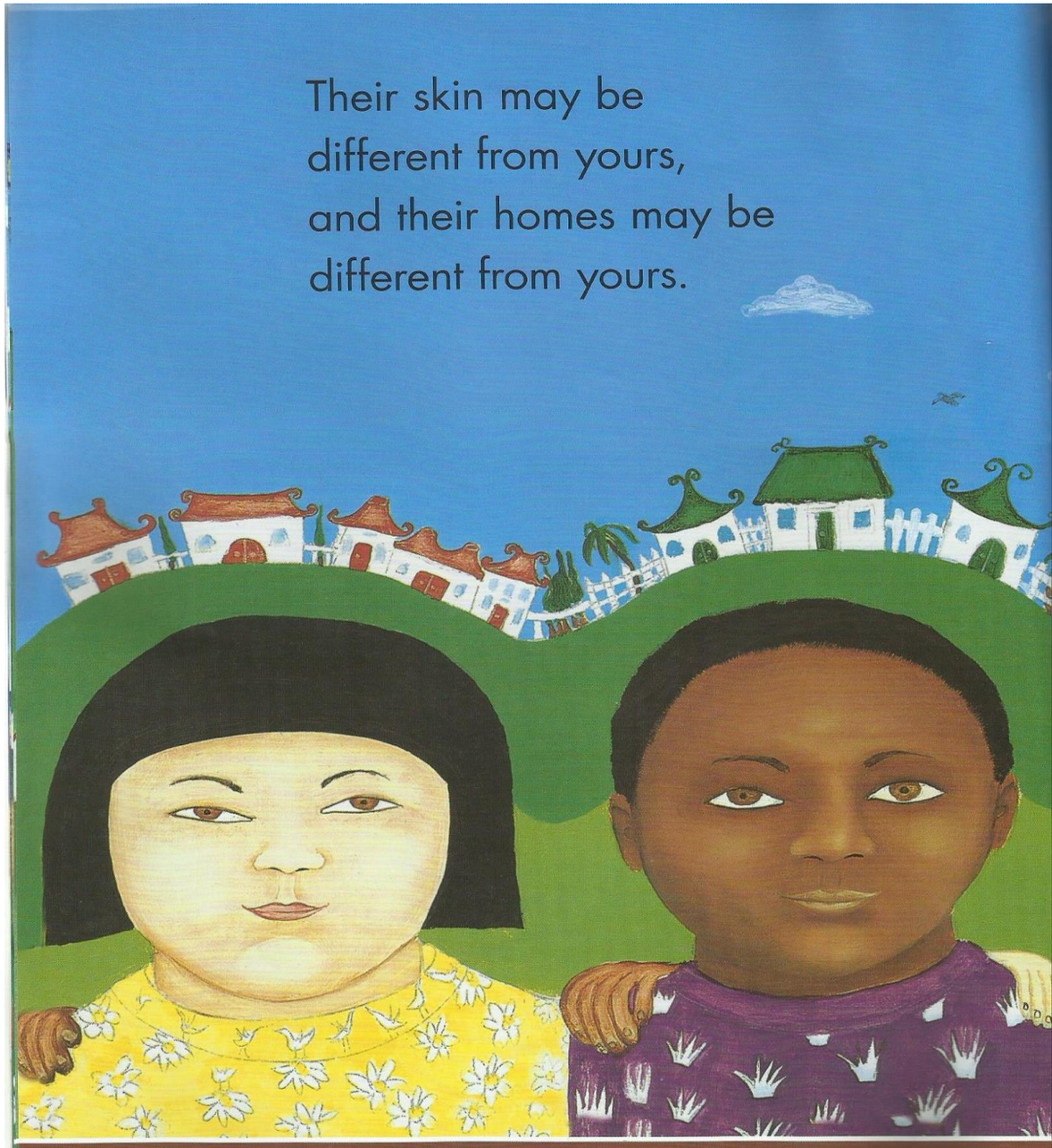

Little one,
whoever you are,

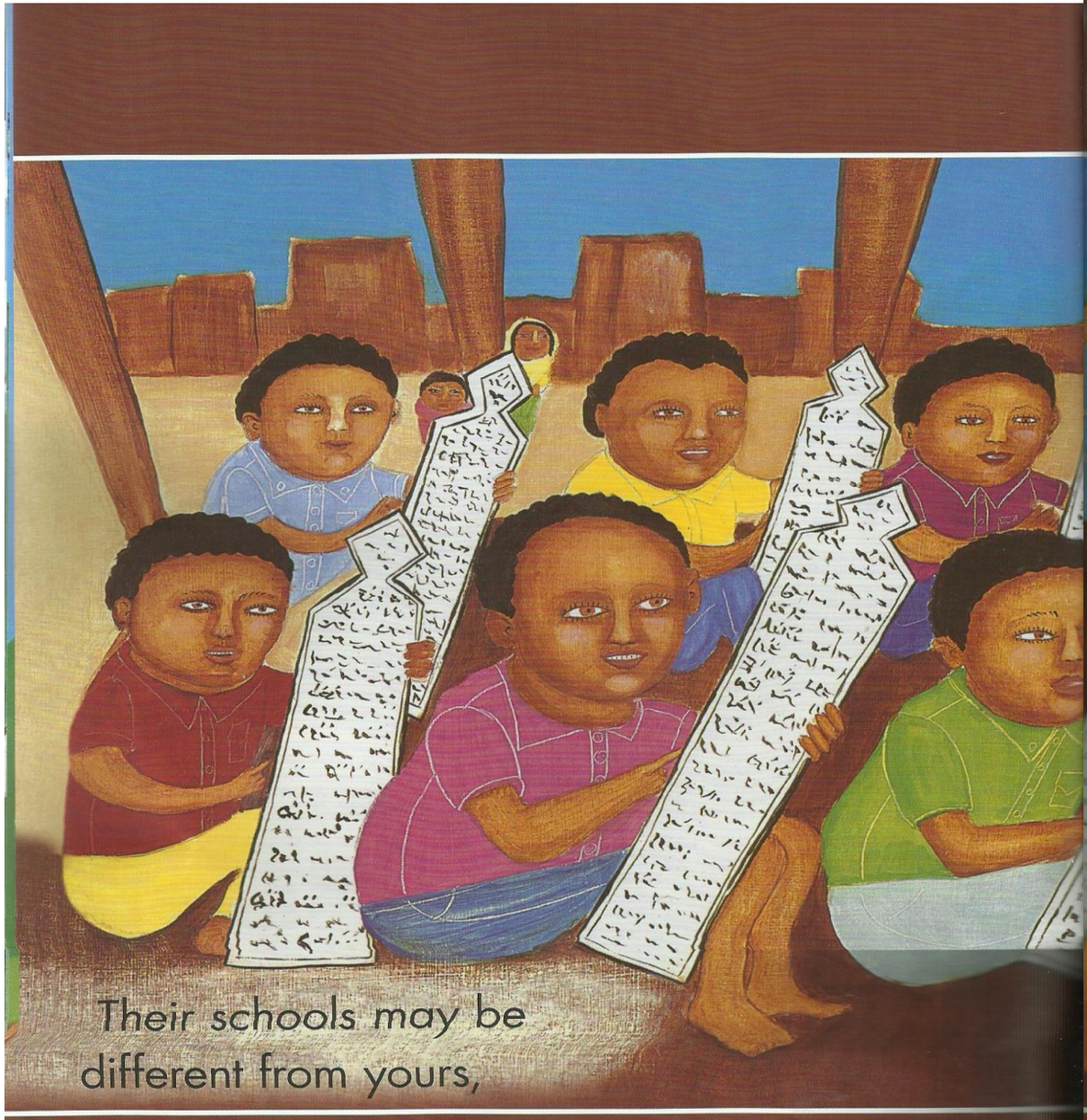


wherever you are,

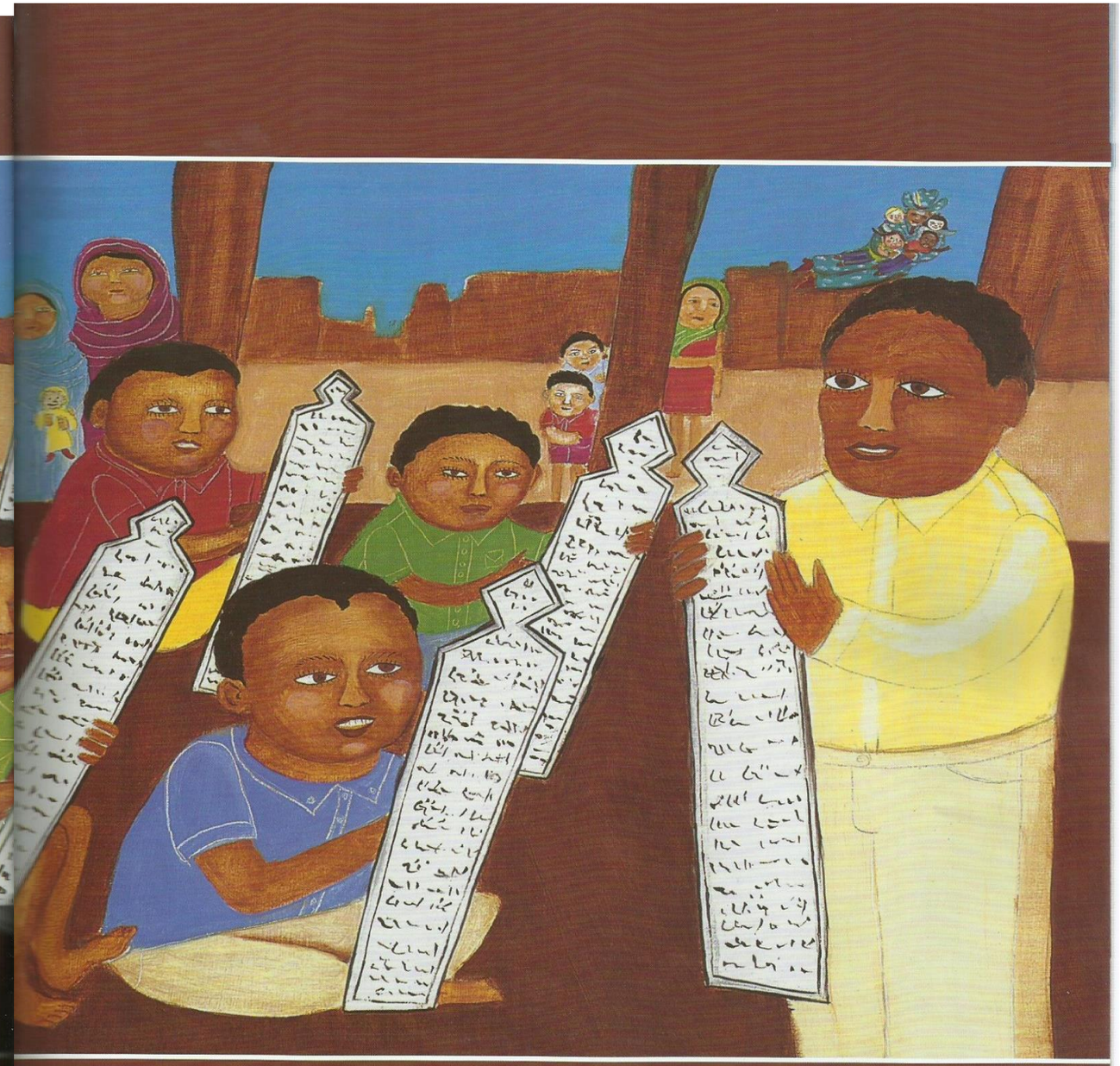
there are little ones
just like you
all over the world.

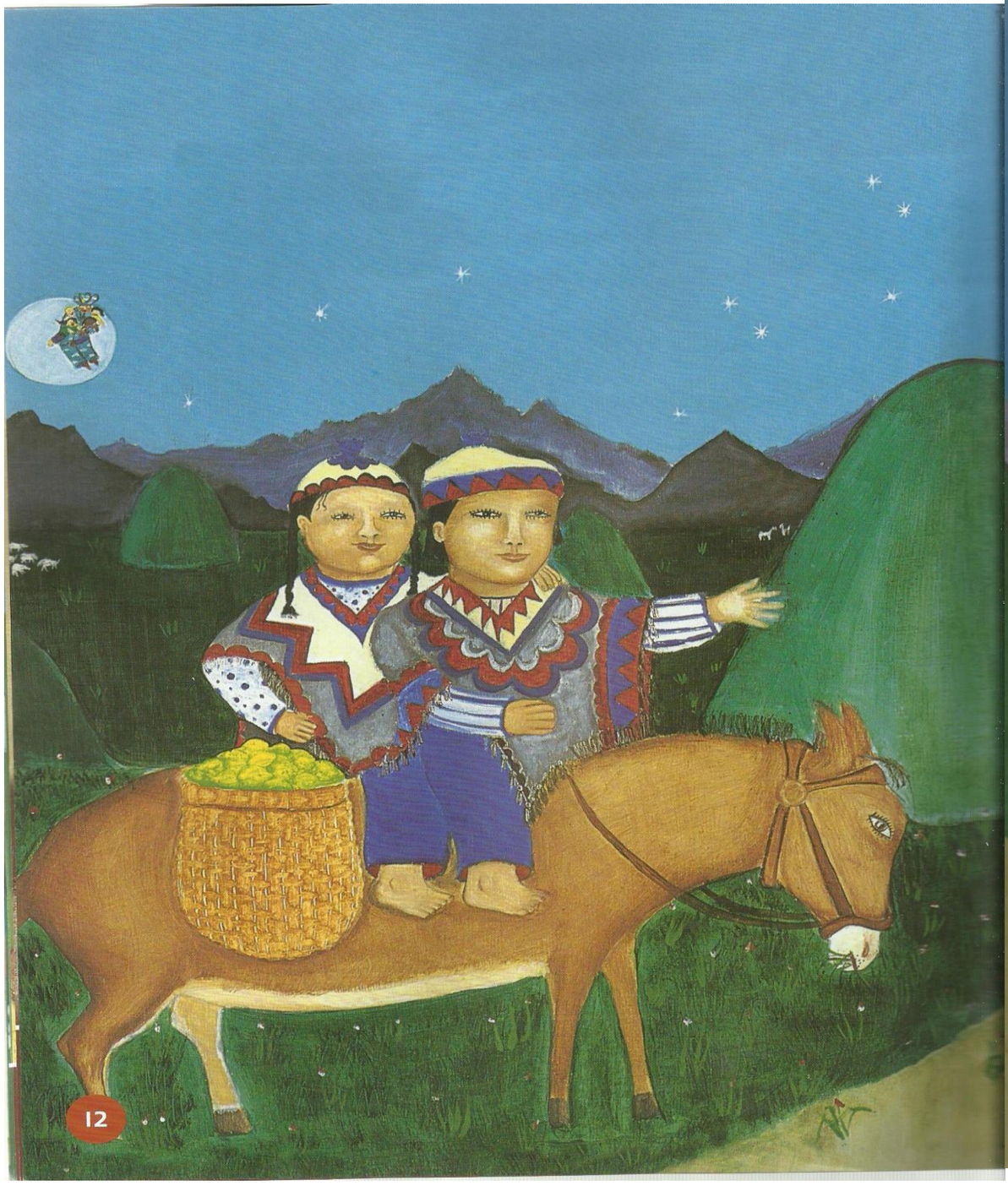
Their skin may be
different from yours,
and their homes may be
different from yours.



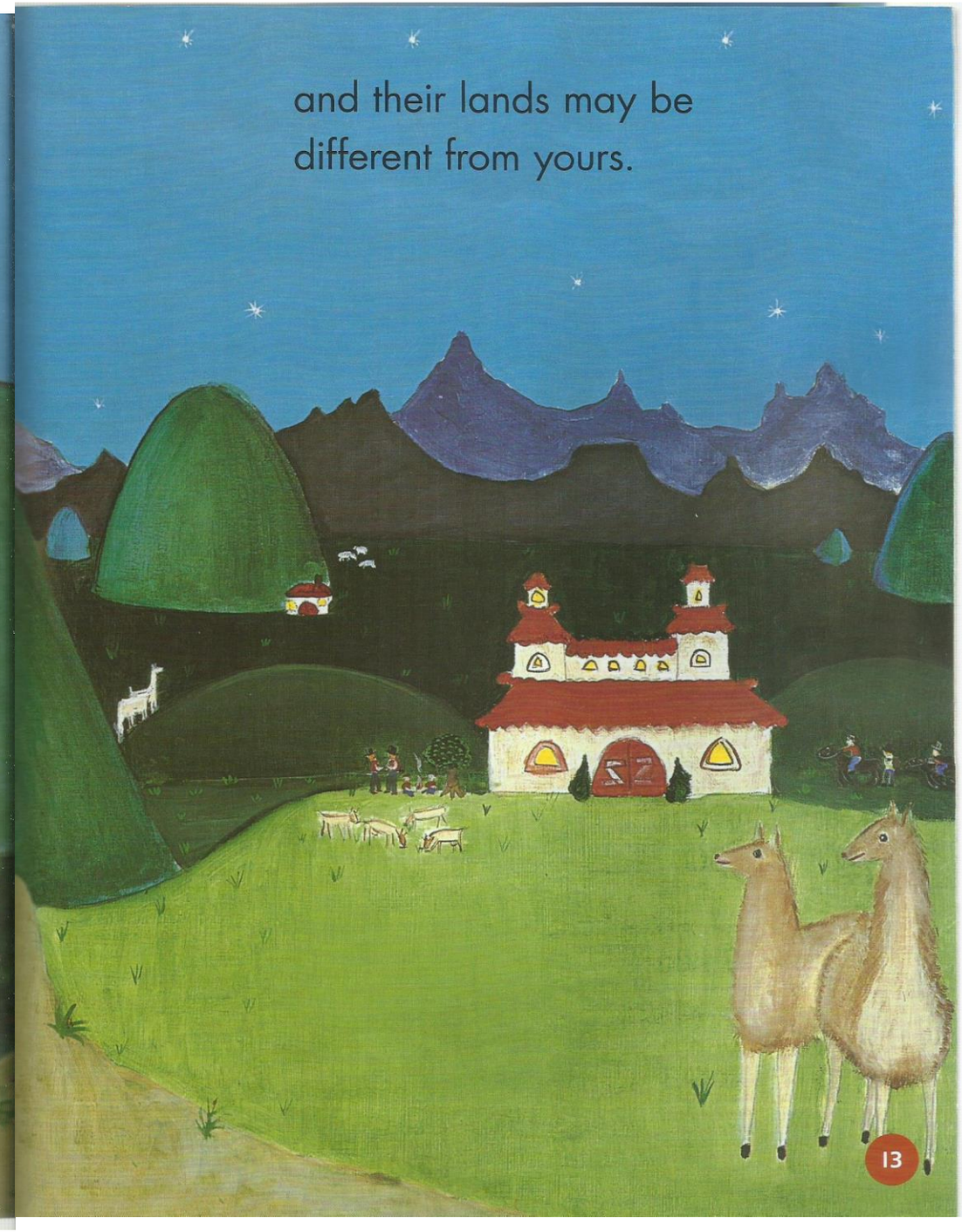


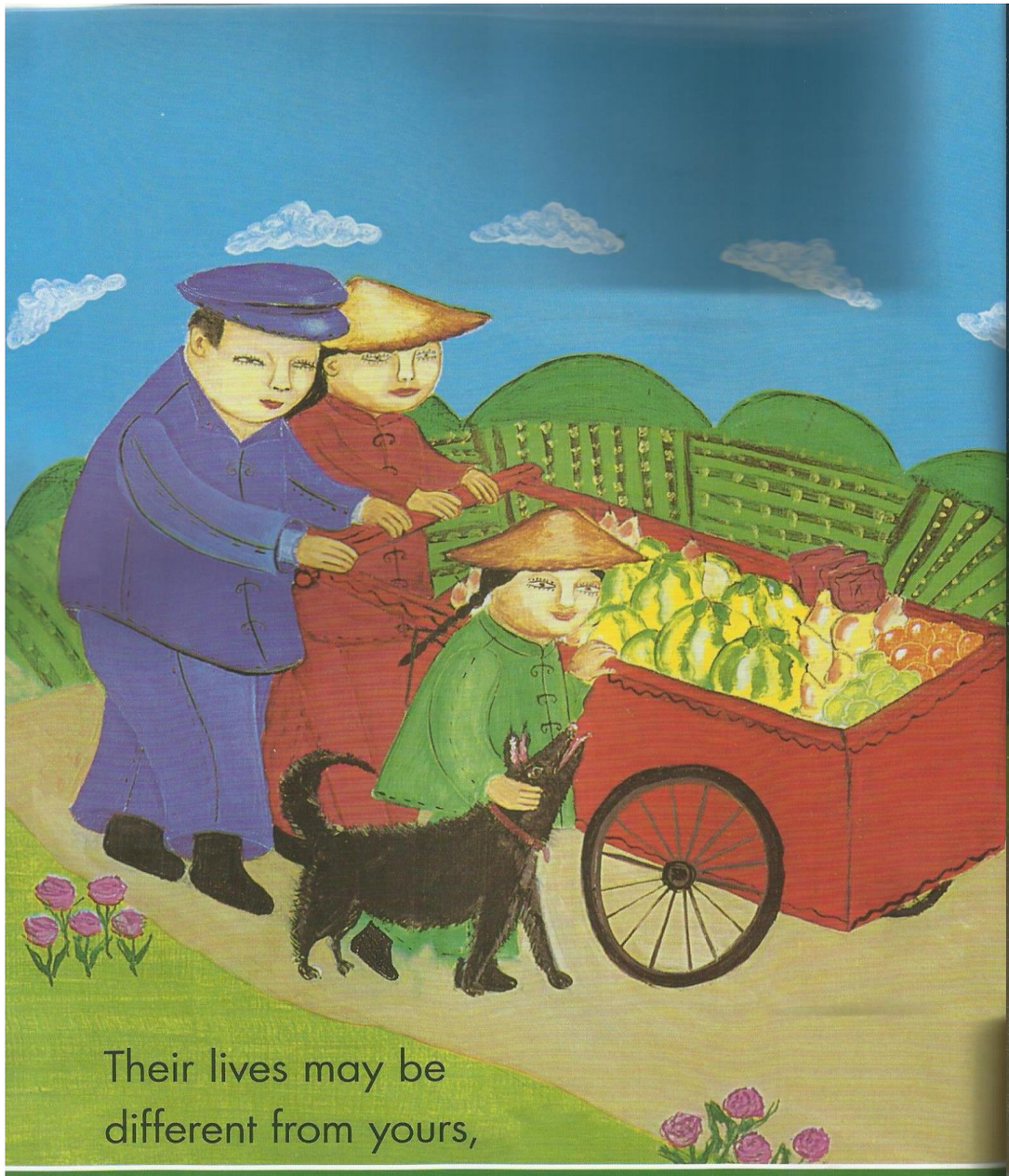
Their schools may be
different from yours,



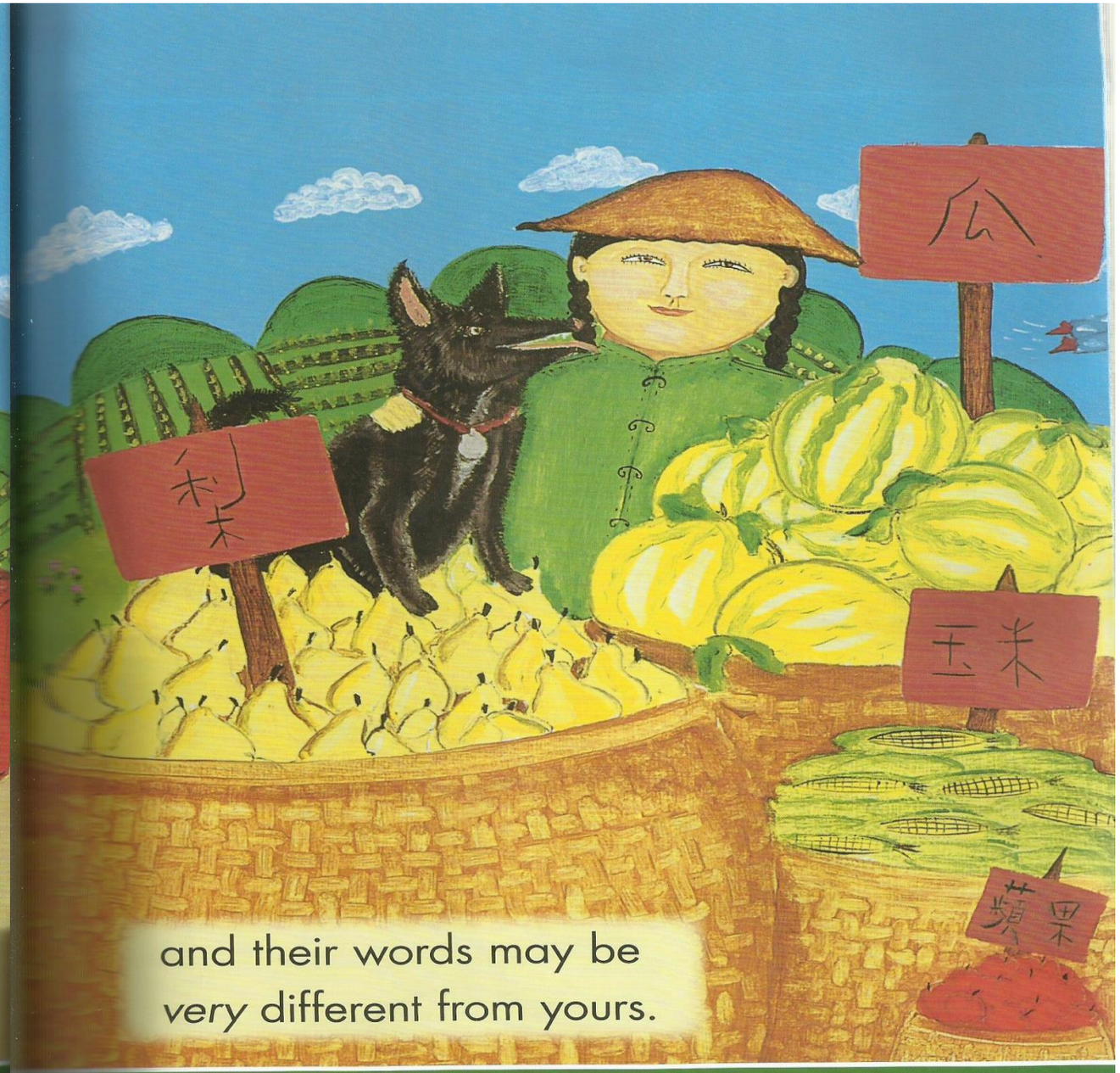


and their lands may be
different from yours.





Their lives may be
different from yours,



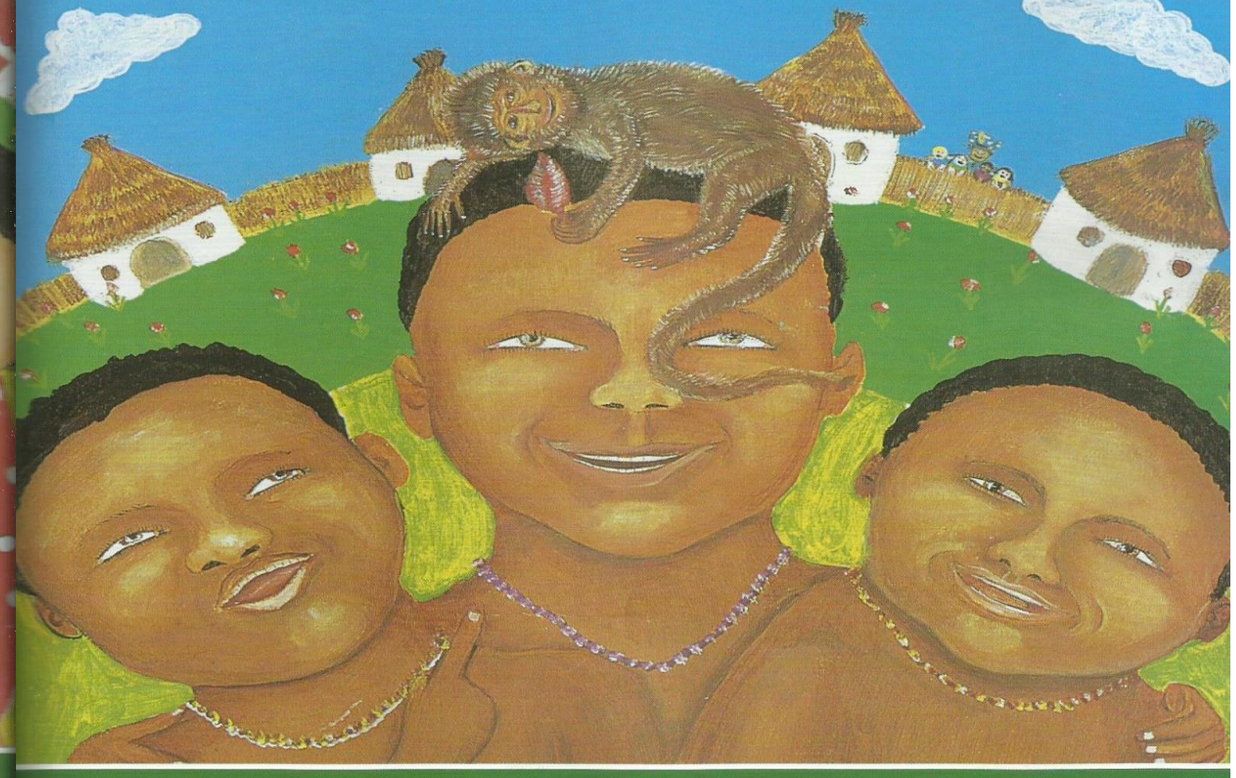
and their words may be
very different from yours.

But inside,
their hearts are
just like yours,

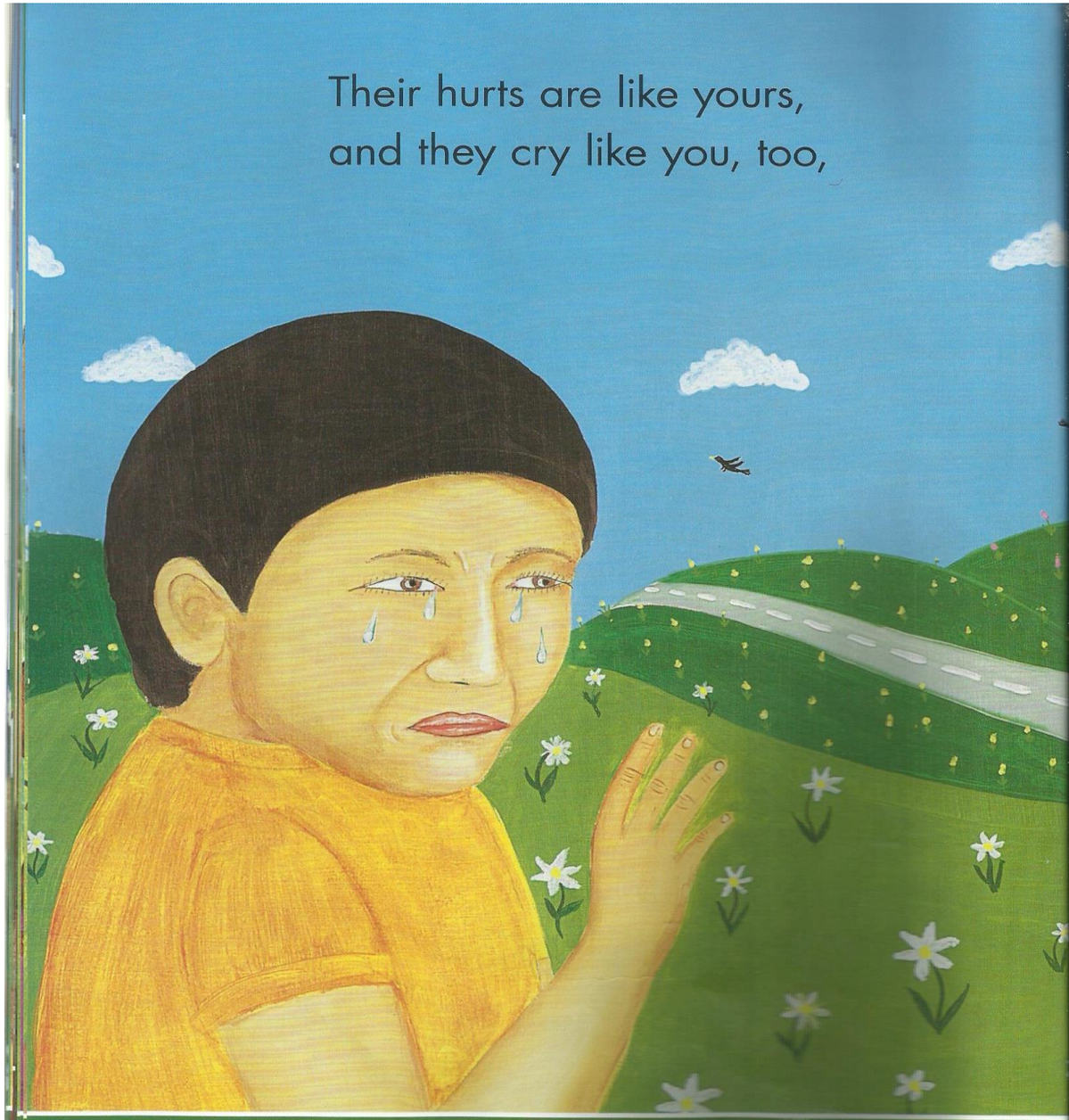
whoever they are,
wherever they are,
all over the world.

Their smiles are like yours,

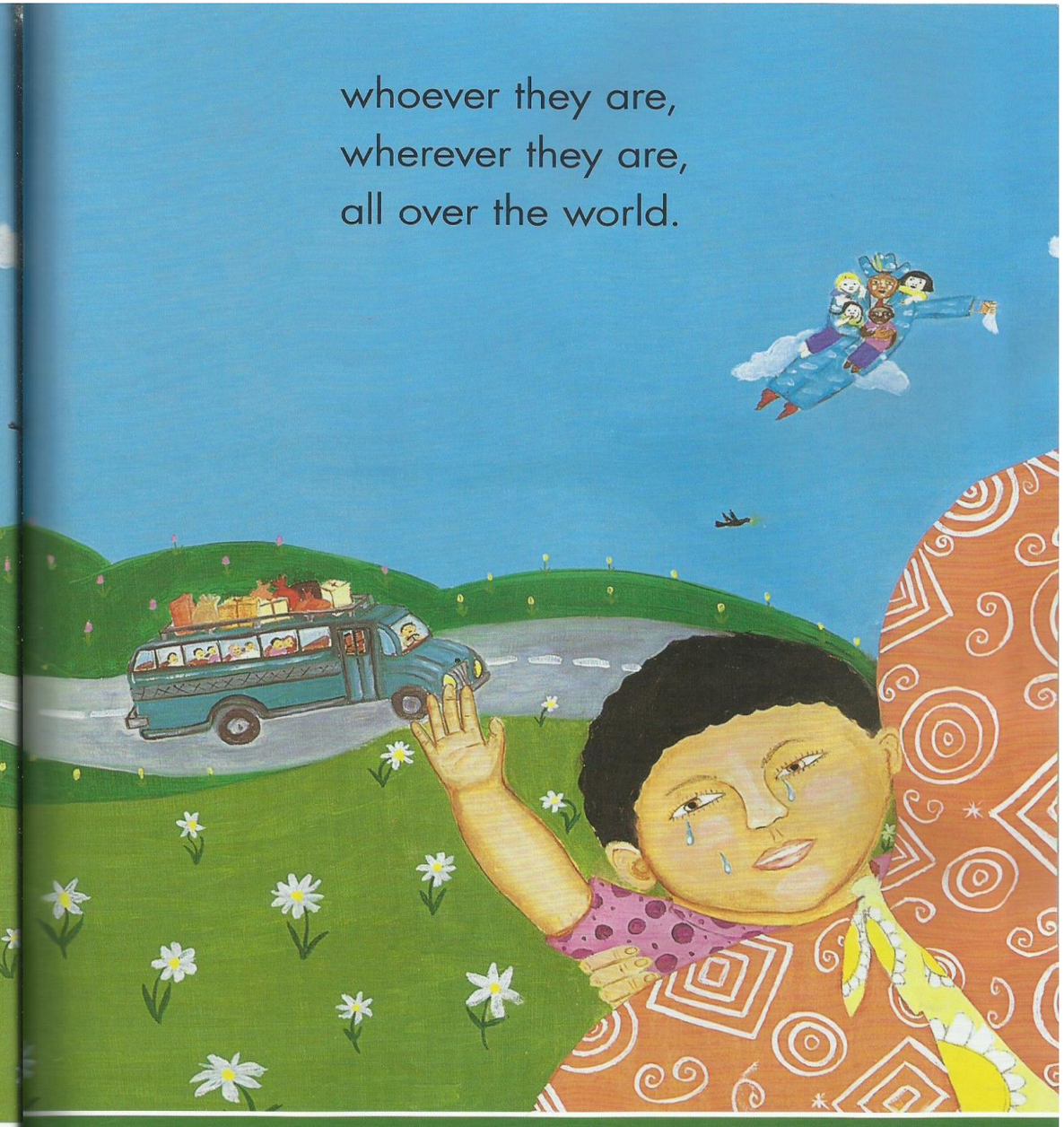
and they laugh just like you.

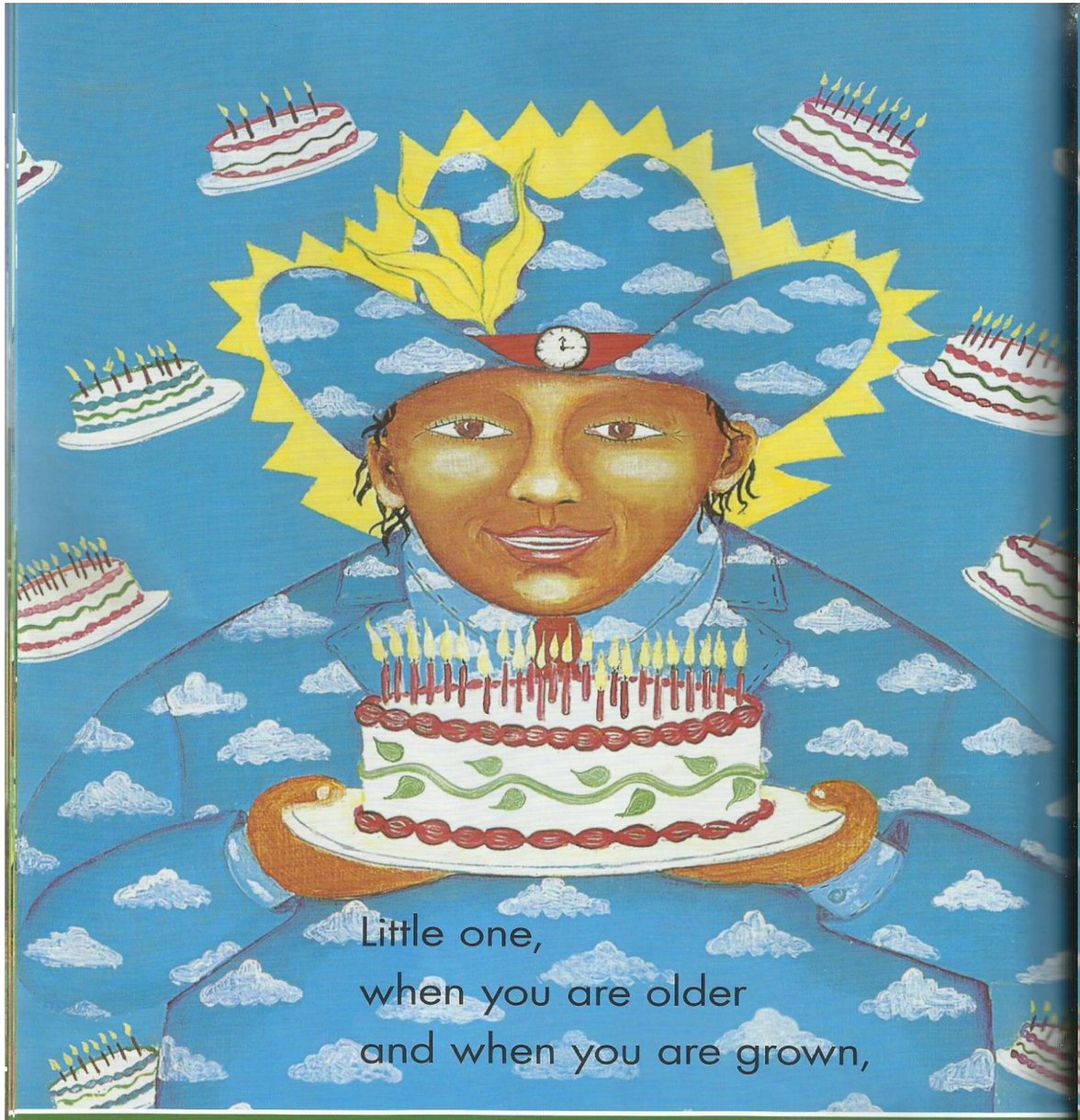


Their hurts are like yours,
and they cry like you, too,

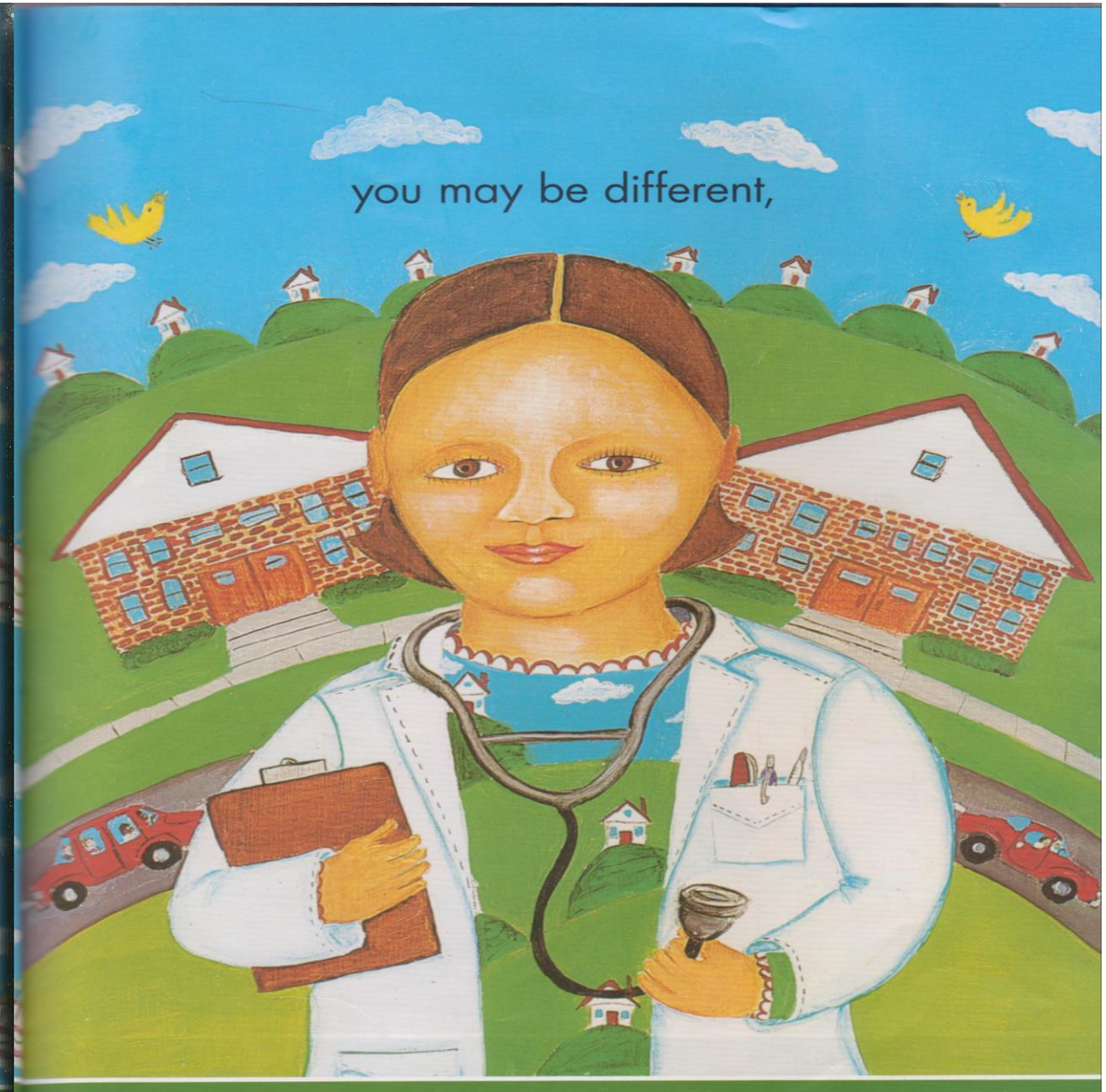


whoever they are,
wherever they are,
all over the world.



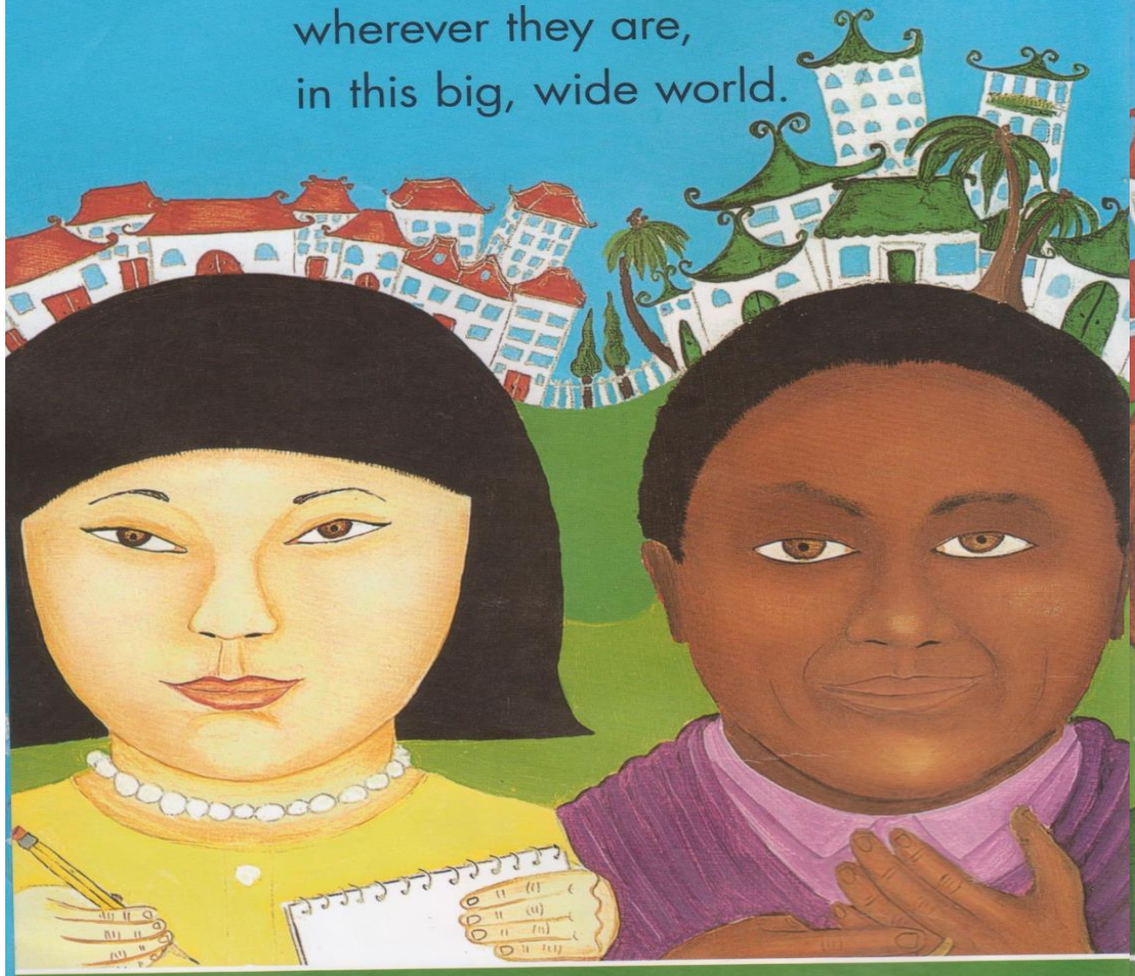


Little one,
when you are older
and when you are grown,

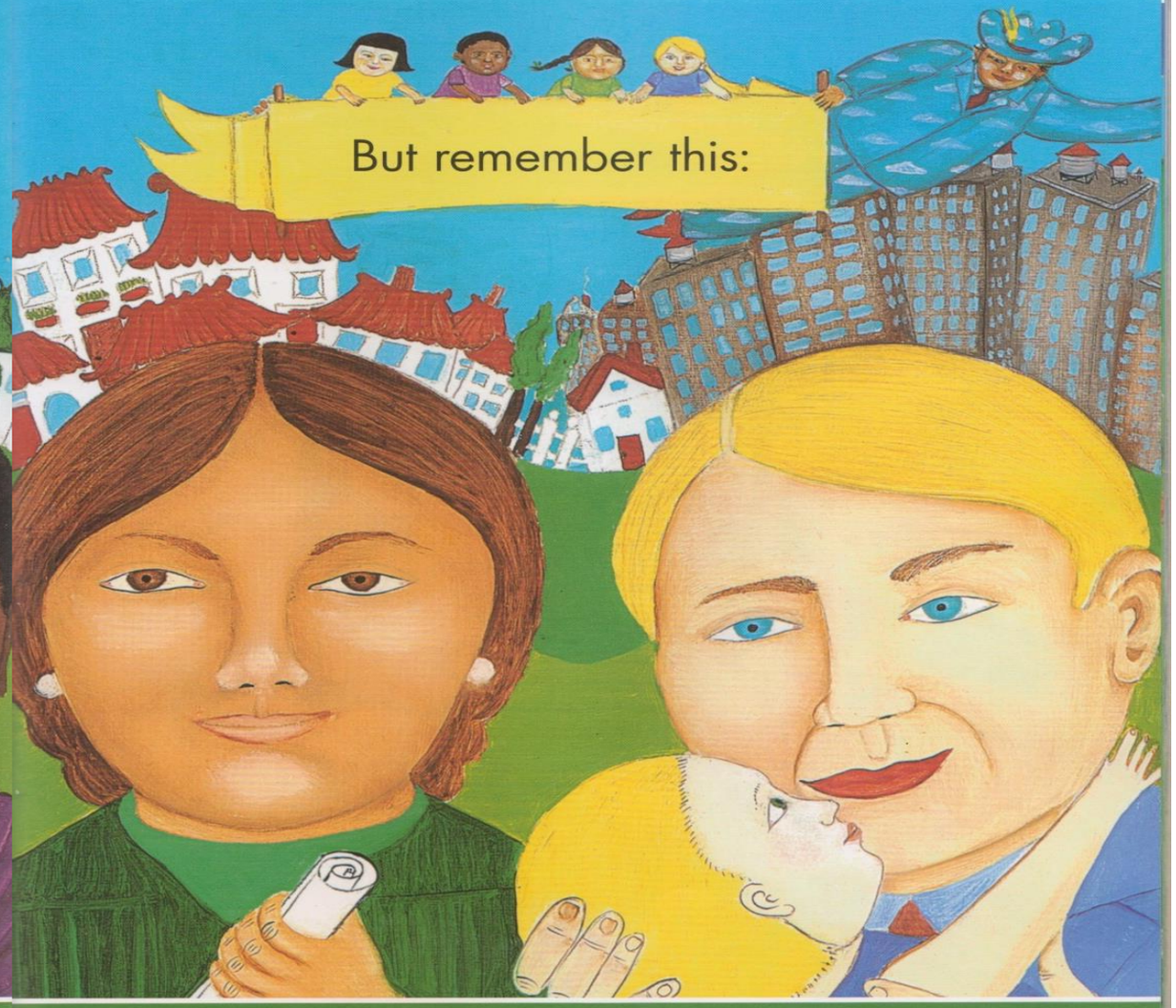


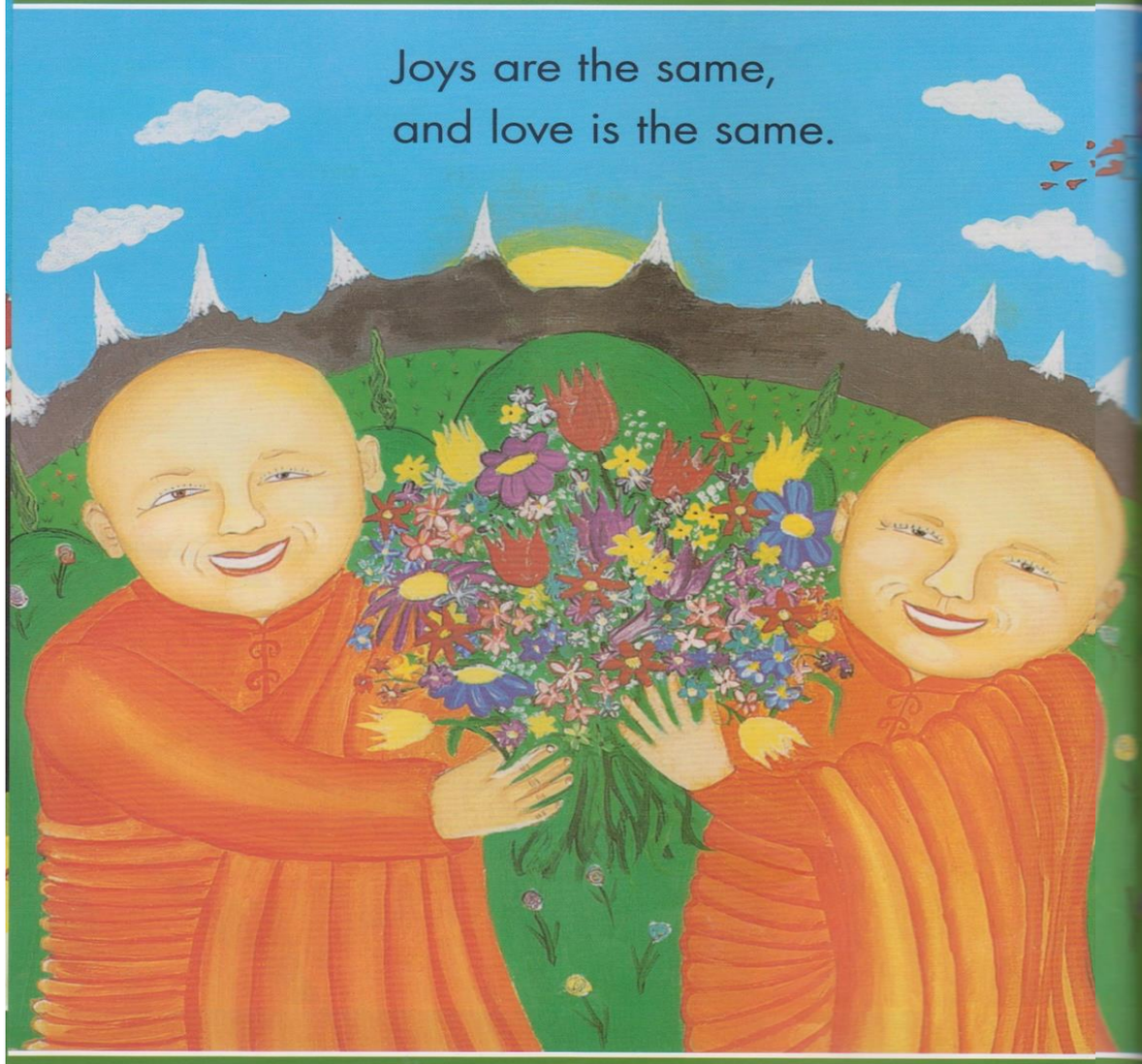
you may be different,

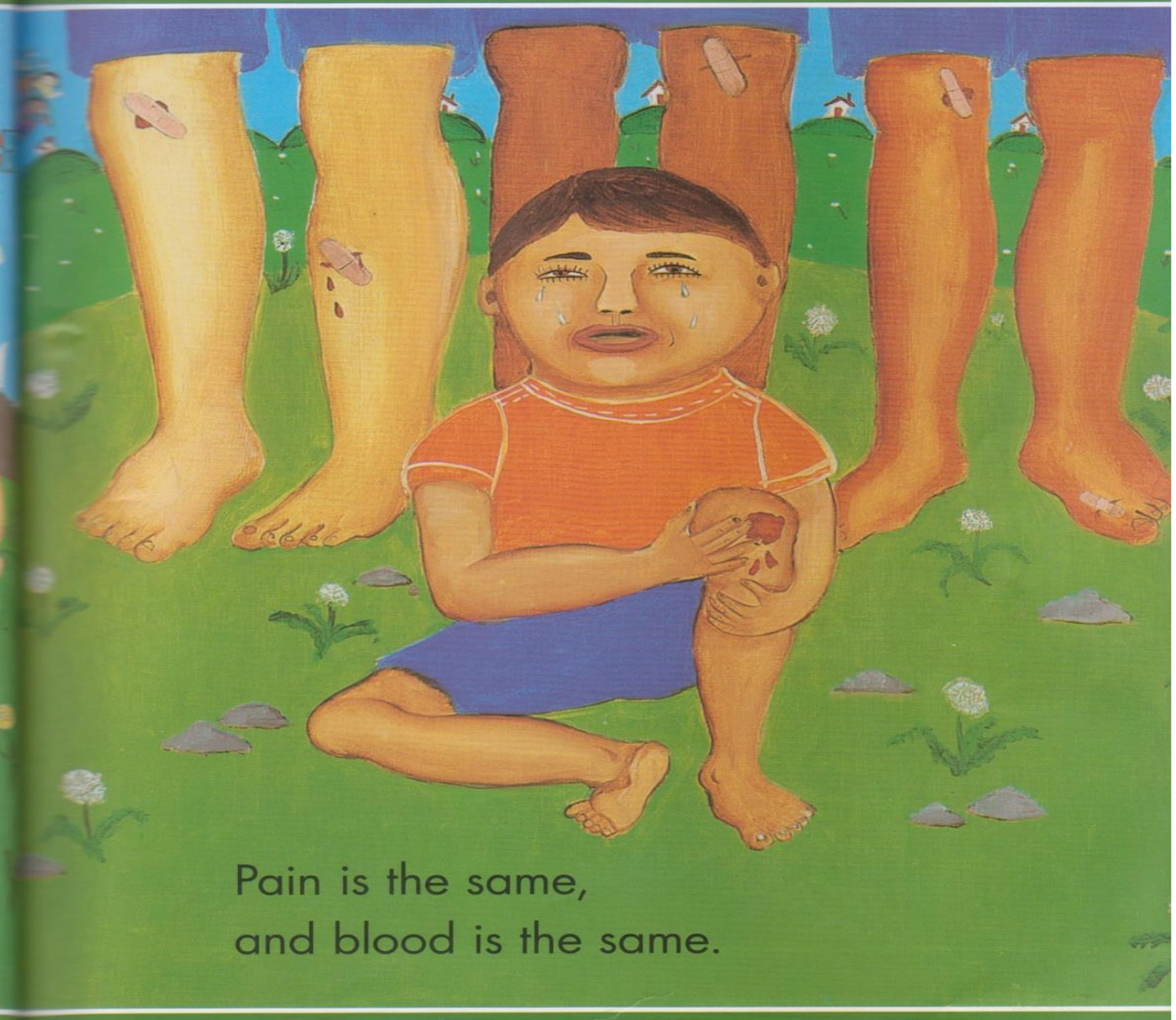
and they may be different,
wherever you are,
wherever they are,
in this big, wide world.

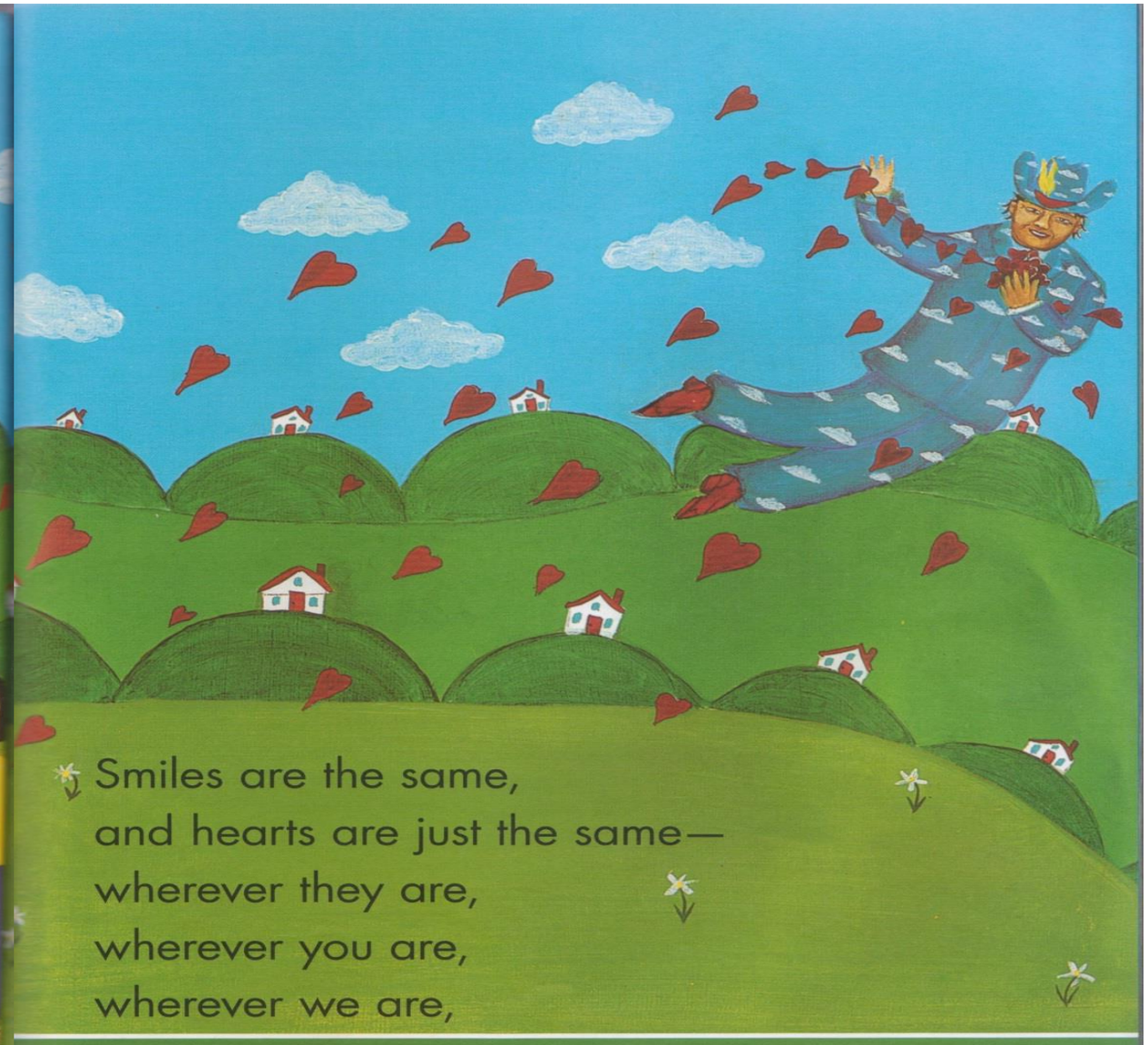


But remember this:




Joys are the same,
and love is the same.


Pain is the same,
and blood is the same.



Smiles are the same,
and hearts are just the same—
wherever they are,
wherever you are,
wherever we are,

all over the world.

Discuss

1. How are people in the story the same all over the world?
2. How can people be different?