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I've always enjoyed writing short stories and poems, and I loved the idea of gifting a picture book to the Filipino children. I'm very grateful that I had the opportunity to write a short story that was able to come to life.

<I Like You Just the Way You Are!>

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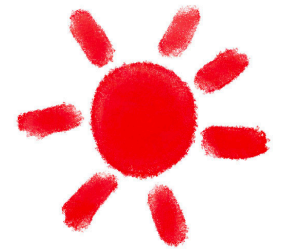
**I Like You
Just the Way You Are!**

I like the sky when there's no clouds in it!
I can draw and color it in with my imagination.





I like to dance under tall and big trees!
They cover me from the burning sun,
and we can dance together in the fragrant of
nature.







I like to lie down at night and watch
the stars sparkling in the sky.

It feels like the stars are going to
run into me as if they know
what loneliness feels like.



I like you
because we can do all of
these things together!



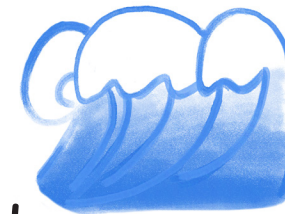


But I don't like it when cold narrow
winds blow in the dark.

I'm scared that it will show up and
steal all of my colors.



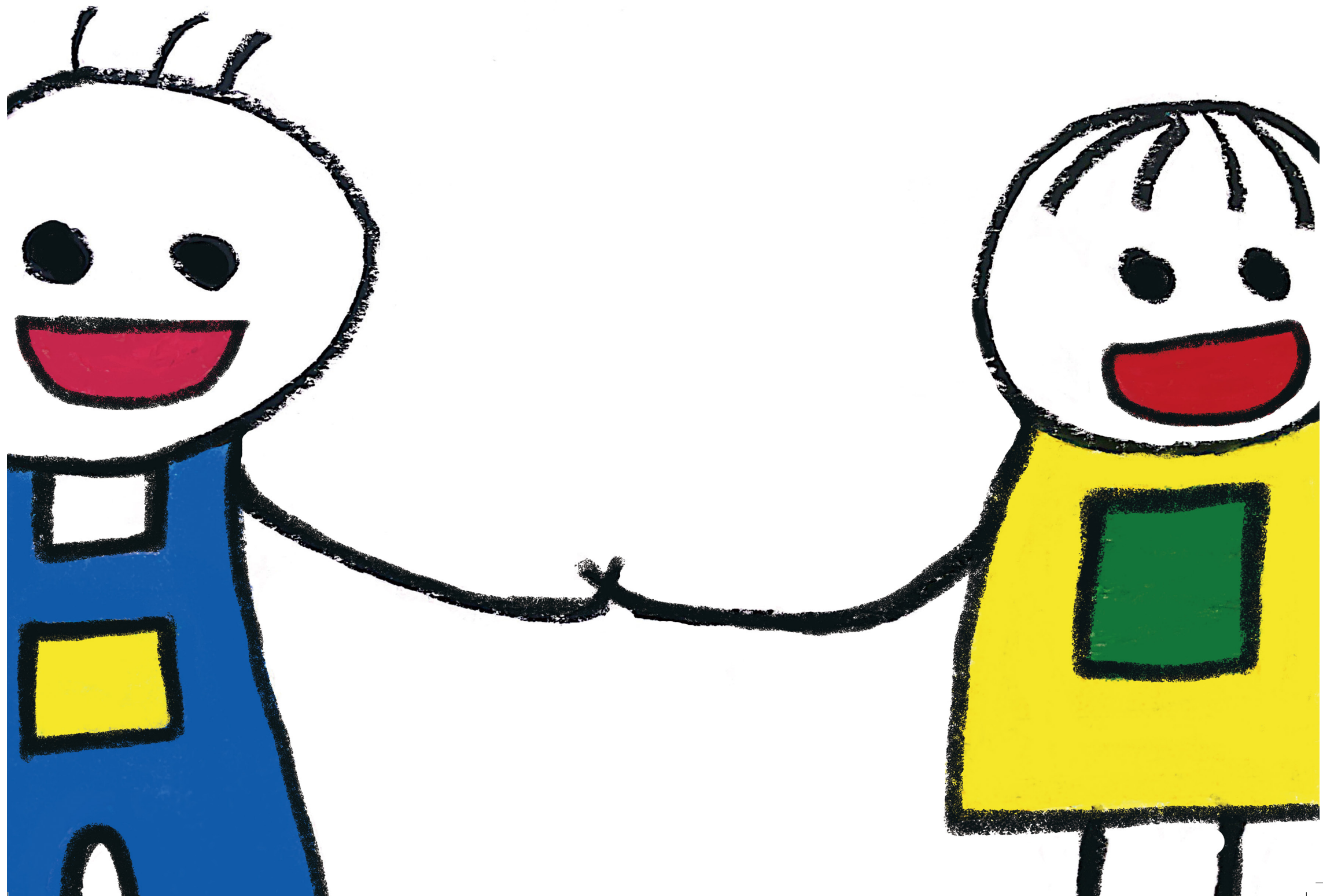




I don't like the huge loud waves.
I'm scared it will swallow all the happiness
that was hidden behind my anxiety.



But I like you.
So I wouldn't mind if we went through
these things together!



When I'm with you, everything will be fine
even in the cold winter when the blowing winds
feel like thorns.

It's going to run away with all our
worries and anxiety.





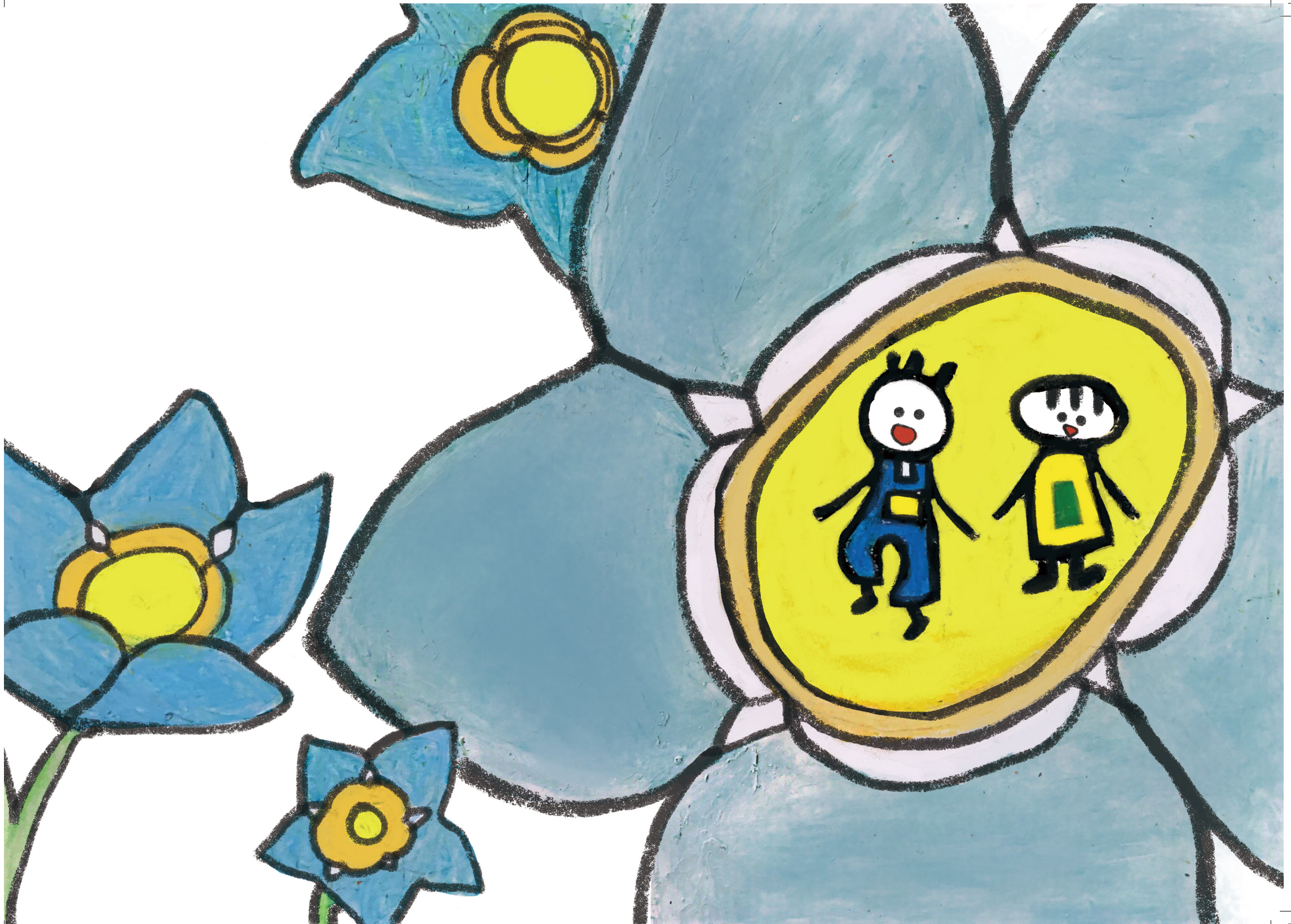
I like the huge loud waves, too!
It's like a powerful voice that cheers
us up so that we can face the rocks
and be fearless.





I like you just the way you are.
It feels like we can do everyything
when we are together.





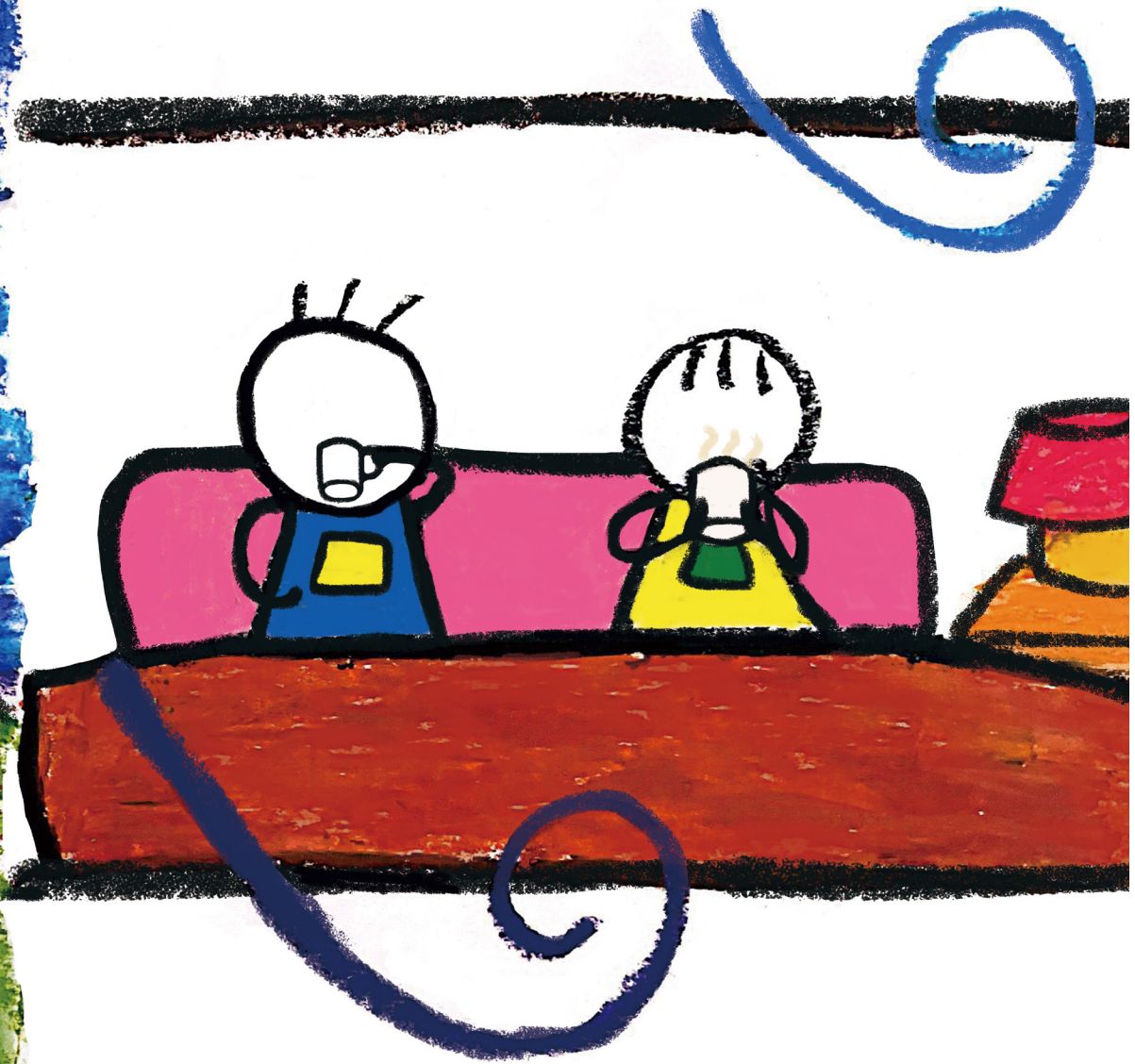
So let's always be there
for each other.





When we are trapped in the dark and the
cold narrow winds blow,
let's fly around with the wind,
and drink some warm milk and
be one with the cold.





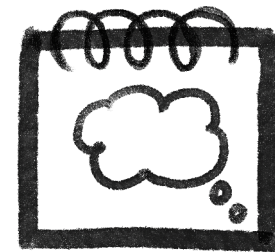
When the sun blooms and smiles at us
in the cloudless sky,
let's dance under the trees that
are towering over us.





If you get tired, let's lie down under the tree and take comfort in the shade.

Let's look at the sky and draw out our imagination in our sketchbooks.





When we are in our imagination and forget
that it became night, the tree will tell us
where the stars are with the stars
that used to be feel so far away.
Let's shine with them together
as if we have never known
loneliness.





