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Who reminds us that simply
being yourself is already enough light.

A Raffi Foundation for Child Honouring story

A note for grown-ups

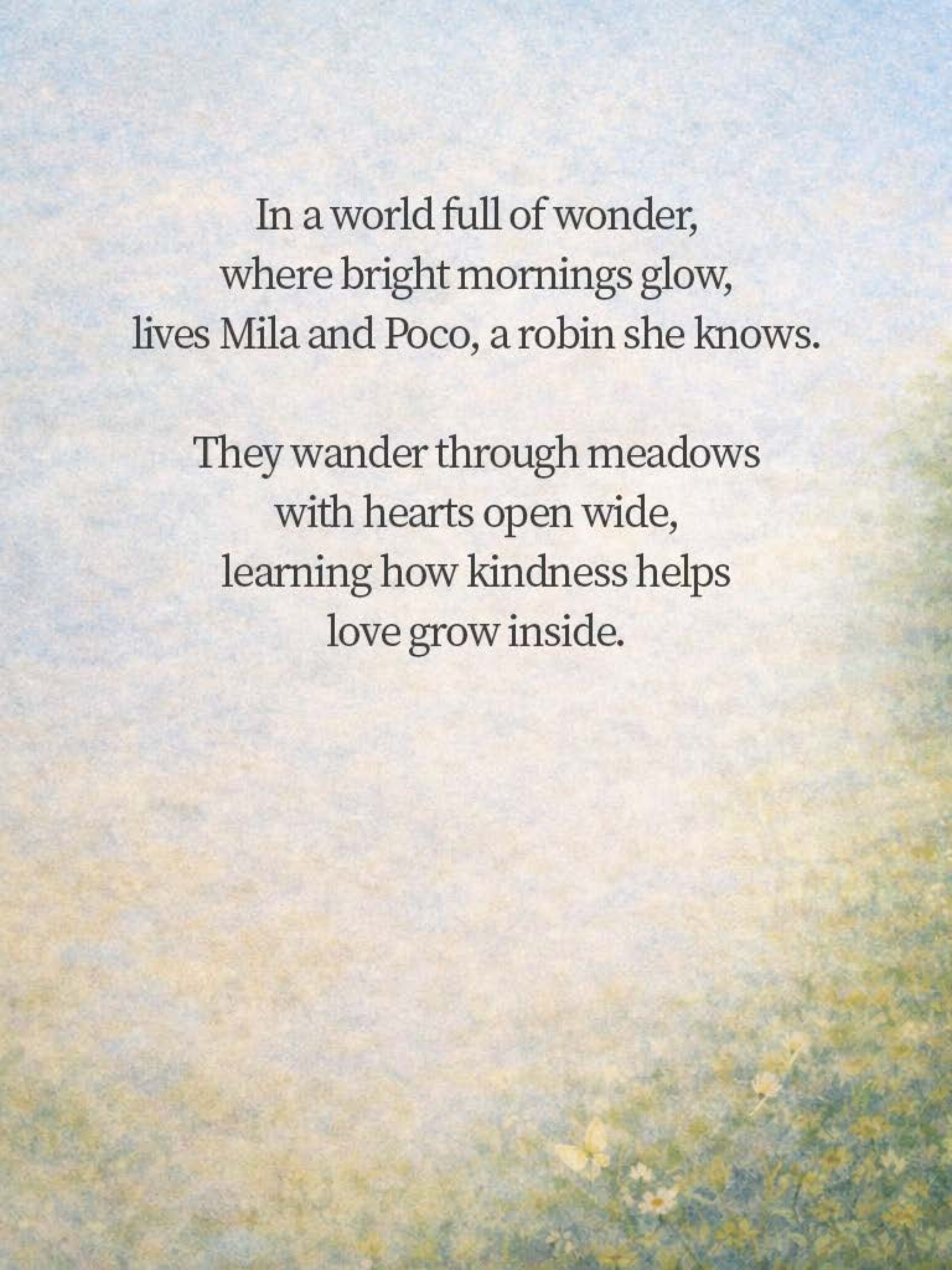
This story is inspired by
Raffi's Nine Principles of Child Honouring,
which invite us to see children as whole people,
worthy of respect, care, and loving attention, just as they are.

The ideas in this book are not meant to be taught or explained.
They are meant to be felt, noticed in moments of shared
reading, quiet listening, and growing trust.

We hope this story opens space for conversations
that grow gently, in a child's own time and at their own pace.

Nine Principles of Child Honouring

1. Respectful Love
2. Safe Environments
3. Caring Community
4. Diversity
5. Emotional Intelligence
6. Nonviolence
7. Conscious Parenting
8. Sustainability
9. Ethical Commerce



In a world full of wonder,
where bright mornings glow,
lives Mila and Poco, a robin she knows.

They wander through meadows
with hearts open wide,
learning how kindness helps
love grow inside.



One quiet morning, with sunshine above,
Mila asked Poco, “What grows gentle love?”

Poco chirped softly, his feathers so bright,
“Kind words and listening help love take flight.”

With kindness and care, we’re safe all along.
Together, together, our light carries on.



They found a small nest in a warm little nook,
safe from the wind by a clear flowing brook.

“It feels quiet and cosy,” Mila said low.

Poco chirped, “Safe places help every child grow.”



They played in the field where tall grasses sway,
helping a neighbour whose kite blew away.

“When we help one another,
it feels kind and right,”

Poco hummed gently, “We’re sharing this light.”

With kindness and care, we’re safe all along.
Together, together, our light carries on.



They met friends of all colours with stories
to share, each one unique in how
they laughed and cared.

Mila smiled warmly, “We’re different, it’s true.”

Poco sang, “That’s what makes
the world beautiful too.”



Feelings came swirling, three all at once.
Joy, worry, and grumpiness, all doing stunts.

“I feel mixed inside,” Mila said with a sigh.

Poco nodded kindly, “Naming feelings
helps them fly.”

With kindness and care, we’re safe all along.
Together, together, our light carries on.



Two friends felt frustrated under a tree,
both wanting the same thing,
as plain as could be.

Mila spoke gently, “Let’s take a turn.”

Poco said softly, “That helps us learn.”



Along the path, her mother stopped to hear
Mila's small question, spoken so clear.

She knelt down beside her, not rushing away.
Mila smiled softly. She felt heard that day.

Poco chirped gently, his red breast so wide,
“When grown-ups slow down,
children feel safe inside.”

With kindness and care, we're safe all along.
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They watered the plant in the soft gentle ground,
taking their time, no rush, no sound.

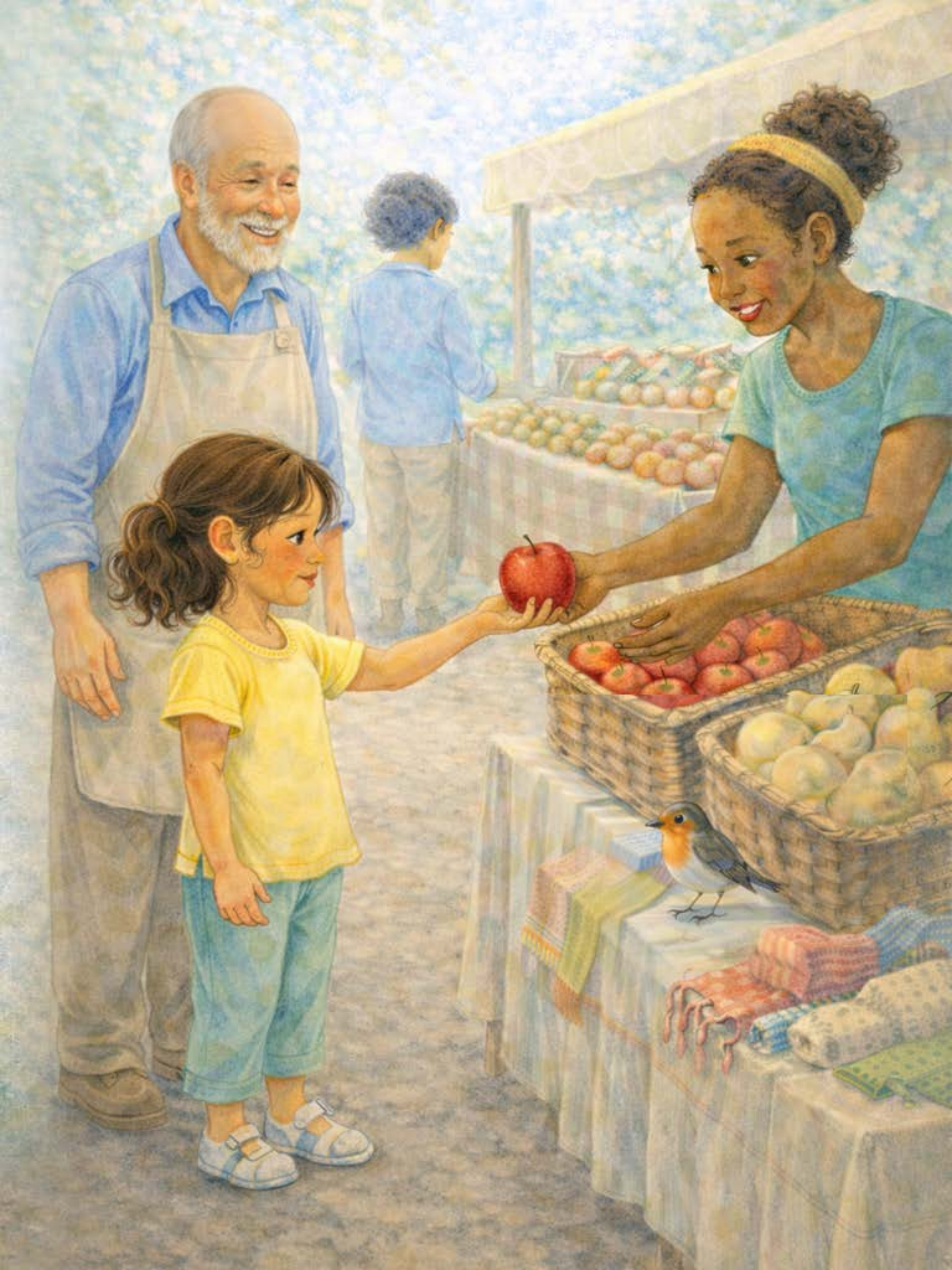
Poco sang softly,
“When we care just this way,
small acts of kindness help good things stay.”



At the friendly town market with colours so fair,
they met makers and growers who
smiled as they shared.

Poco chirped softly, “When kindness is shown,
the good that we choose helps
everyone feel at home.”

With kindness and care, we’re safe all along.
Together, together, our light carries on.



From nests to new friendships,
from home to the park,
Mila and Poco carried love like a spark.

They learned every choice, both big and small,
can help make the world kinder
for one and for all.



Now Mila and Poco are sharing with you
a message that's simple and honest and true.

The world we are making begins with the heart.
When we honour each child,
a new dream can start.

And wherever you go, whatever you do,
there's a little light shining already in you.

With kindness and care, we're safe all along.
Together, together, our light carries on.

