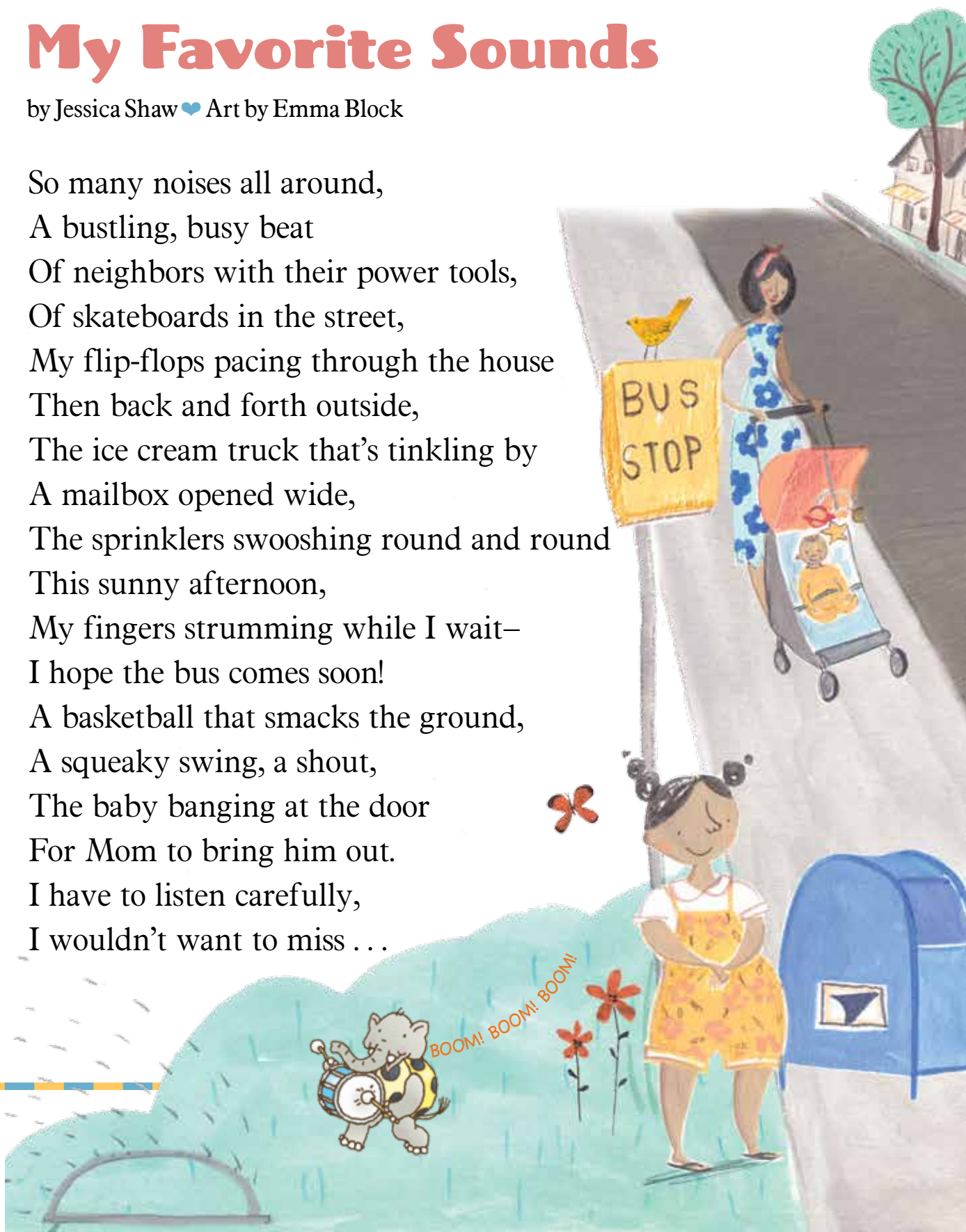


My Favorite Sounds

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So many noises all around,
A bustling, busy beat
Of neighbors with their power tools,
Of skateboards in the street,
My flip-flops pacing through the house
Then back and forth outside,
The ice cream truck that's tinkling by
A mailbox opened wide,
The sprinklers swooshing round and round
This sunny afternoon,
My fingers strumming while I wait—
I hope the bus comes soon!
A basketball that smacks the ground,
A squeaky swing, a shout,
The baby banging at the door
For Mom to bring him out.
I have to listen carefully,
I wouldn't want to miss . . .






squish squash squooch

clickety
clickety
clackety

The perfect sounds: the screechy brakes,
The creaky door, the hiss.
And then, at last, I hear them all!
I take off at a run,
The bus my cousin's on is here . . .
It's time to have some fun!

