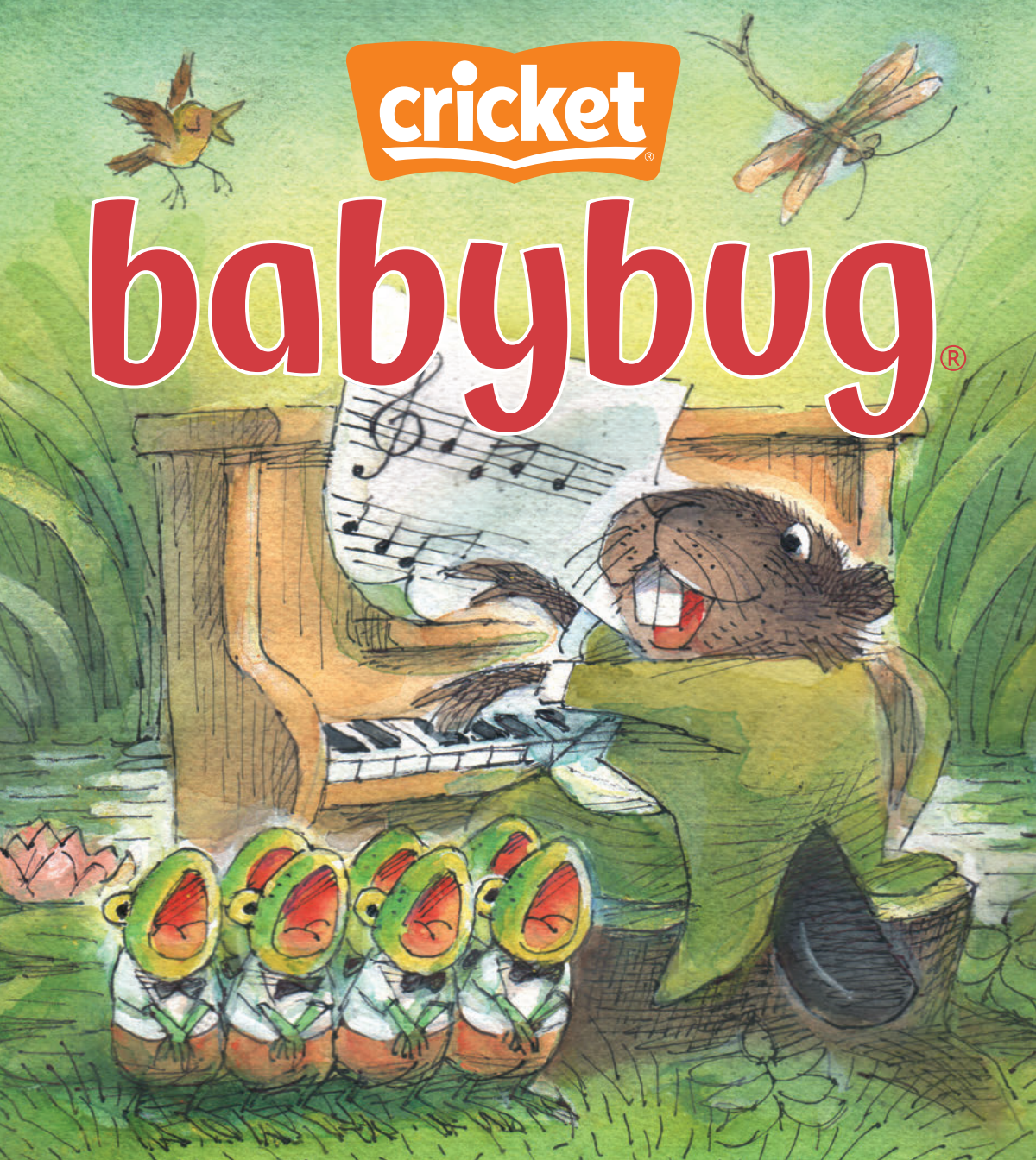


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Kim and Carrots

by Clara Vulliamy



Kim is playing the piano.
What a lovely melody!



Now Kim plays the horn.

Toot, toot!



A pot makes a good drum.

Bang, bang, bang!

Mommy sings to Kim,
and Kim sings to Carrots.





Kim and Carrots dance to the music
from the speakers . . .

and Daddy joins the fun!



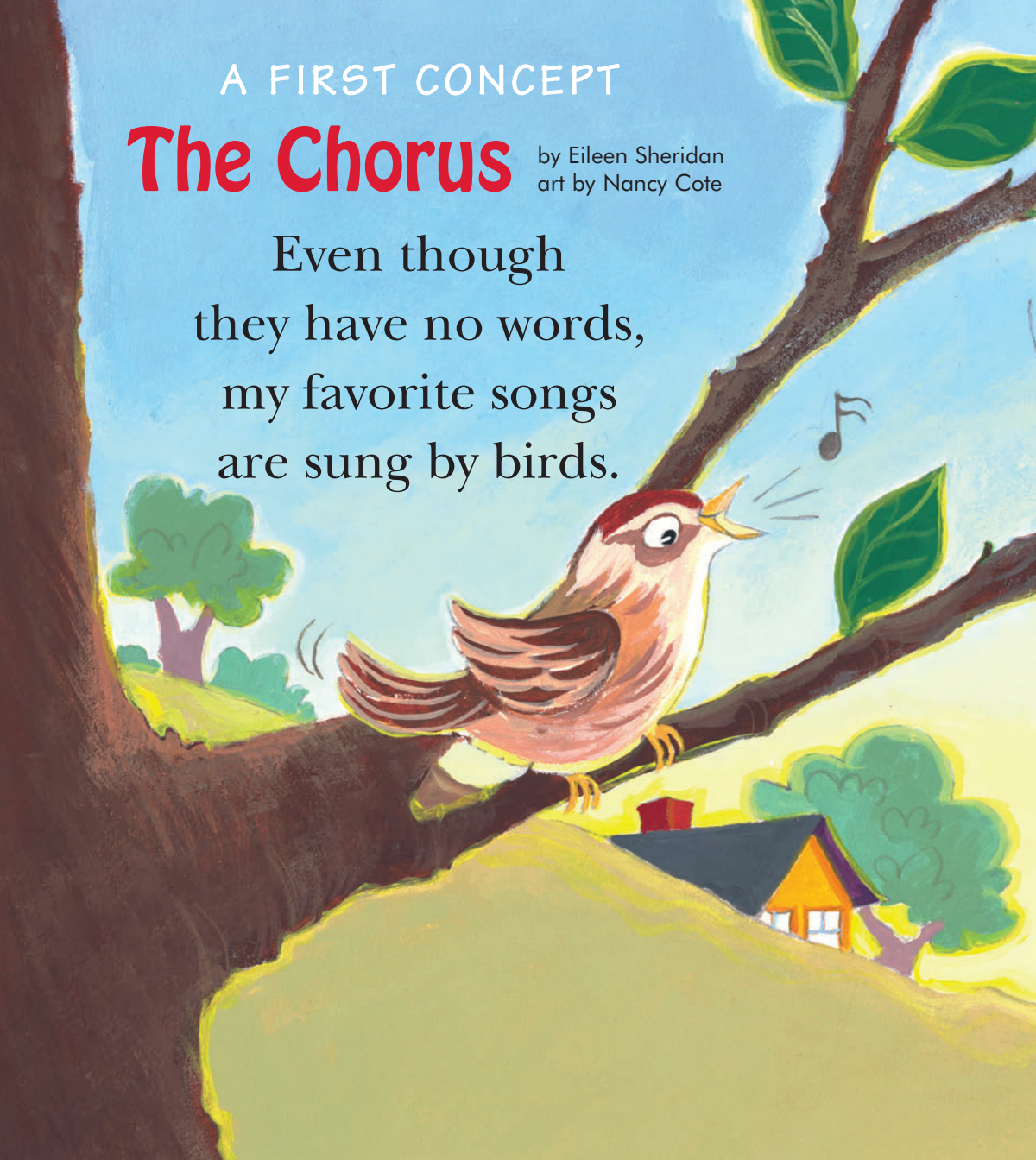
A FIRST CONCEPT

The Chorus

by Eileen Sheridan

art by Nancy Cote

Even though
they have no words,
my favorite songs
are sung by birds.





After the Rain

by Valeri Gorbachev

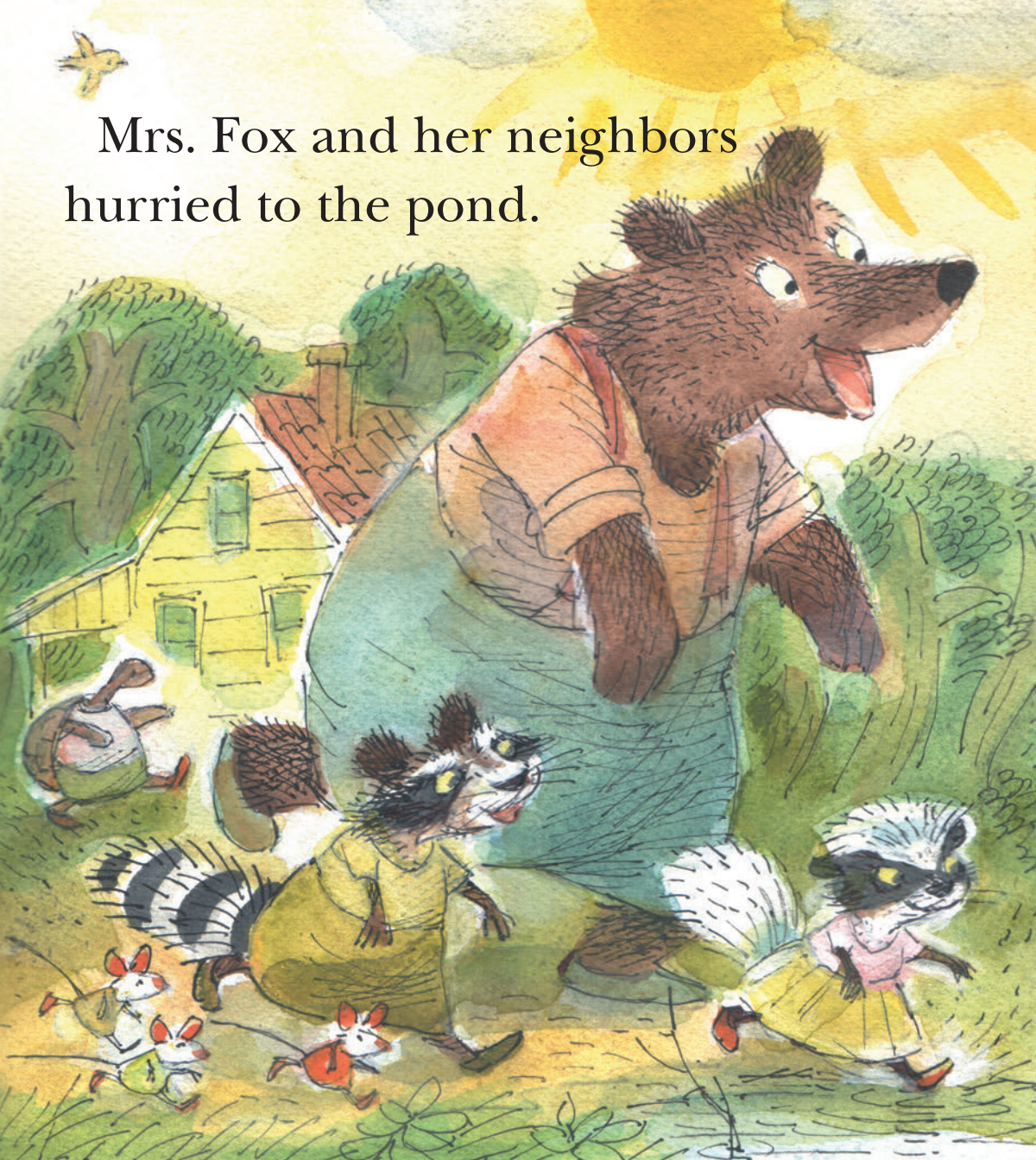


The rain finally stopped.





Mrs. Fox and her neighbors
hurried to the pond.



After every rain shower, the frogs
gave a big concert. And all the
neighbors loved to hear the frogs'
happy songs!



Croak! Croak! Croak!
Croak! Croak! Croak!
Croak! Croak! Croak!
Croak! Croak! Croak!



I Like Music

by Marilyn Kratz  art by Tony Ross

When I hear music,
I smile and **clap**,
I bob up and down,
And my feet **tap-tap**.



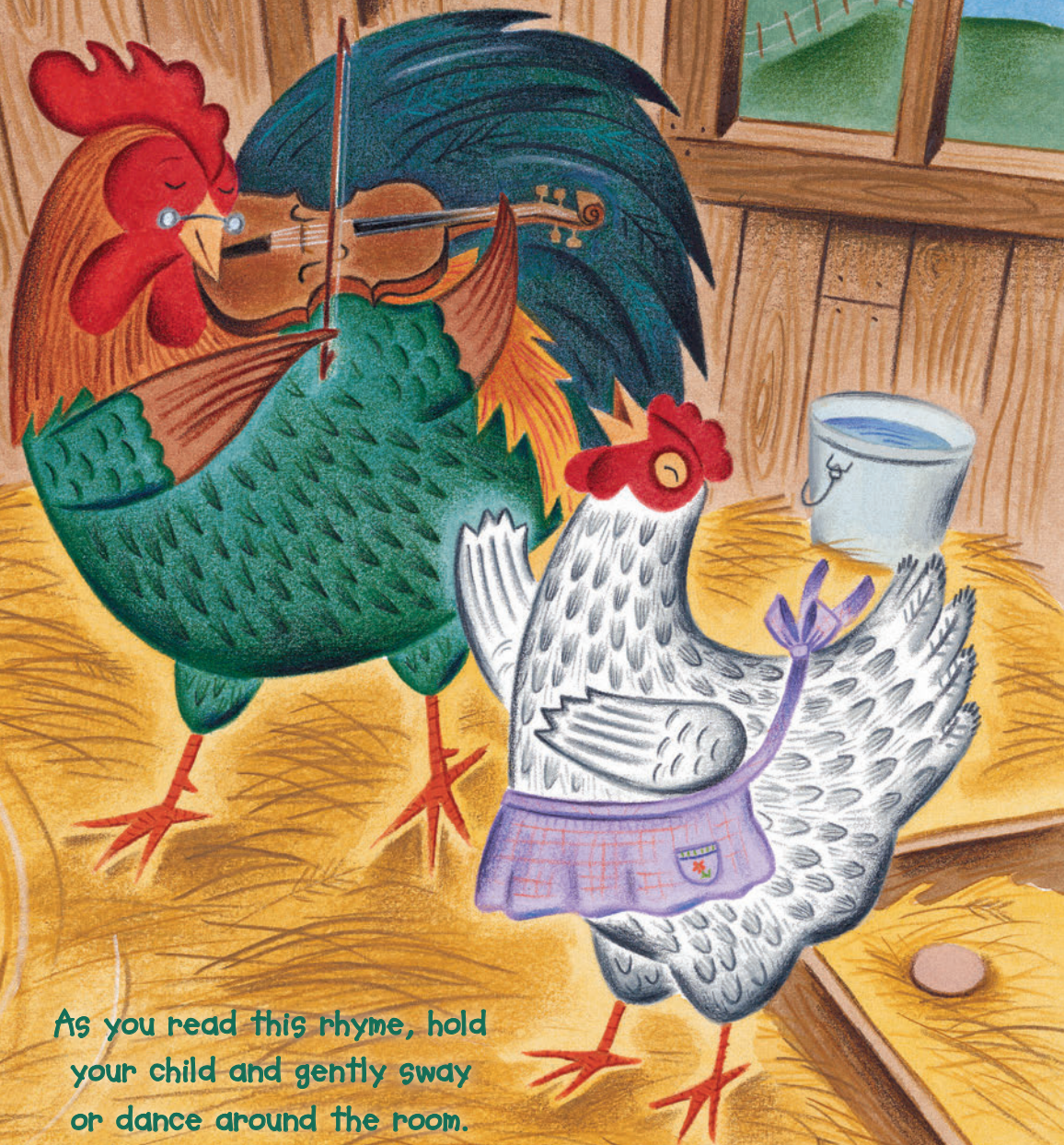


SQUARE DANCE

by Pamela Love  art by Holly Berry

Grandpa plays the fiddle,
Mom calls, “**Do-si-do!**”
Daddy takes me by the hands
And round and round we go!





As you read this rhyme, hold
your child and gently sway
or dance around the room.

Xylophone Fun

by Kathleen Bahr  art by Stephanie Roth Sisson

Tap, tap, tap the xylophone.
One-two-three!



Tap, tap, tap the xylophone,
And sing along with me!





LET'S EXPLORE

Happy Songs

Guitar sings,
strum-de-dum.

Drum beats,
rum-tum-tum.



Piano plays,
bong-a-boom.



by Emily Granville



Saxophone soars,
za-da-zoom.



Happy songs make
us wiggle,
Bounce, twirl, sway,
and giggle!



Loud and Proud

by Hayley Kim
art by Dorothy Stott

Feel the beat,
Hit the drum,
Look out music,
Here I come!



Pat your knees or tummy.
You can be a drum too!



guide for caregivers



With BABYBUG, you and your child can play, read, and grow—together! This issue asks, “How do we make and move to music?” Here are some tips to help you make the most of it.

Kim and Carrots: There’s music in the air, and Kim and Carrots are not only listening, they’re eagerly responding. Whether they dance with Daddy, bang on a pot, or play a toy piano, music is a natural and joyful part of life.

There are lots of ways to encourage your child to make and move to music. From the very beginning, babies are soothed by being rocked. Young babies sometimes play with sounds in a singsong way. You can hum or sing along. Older babies like to bounce to tunes with a strong beat, and toddlers soon discover how to use their hands and feet as rhythm instruments by clapping and stomping.

Music can be enjoyed all day long. Whether you sing a toothbrushing song in the morning or waltz your way to bed at night, music is sure to enrich your child’s day now and throughout life.

—Sally Nurrs, M.Ed.

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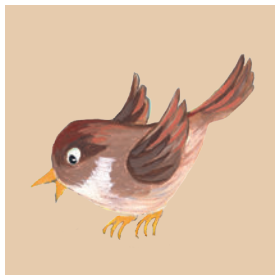
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