



I wish,  
said the fish



Play is powerful. The more you play with your children, the more they will learn. Make a safe play space for your child and join in whenever you can! While playing, ask your child questions and really listen to what they say. Describe what you are doing using new words and explore the world together. Ask your child what they wish they could do and then try do that together!

In *I wish, said the fish*, each animal desperately wishes for something valuable that the next animal has. Discuss with your child what each animal wants and why. Ask your child what they would wish for and why. Enjoy it together!

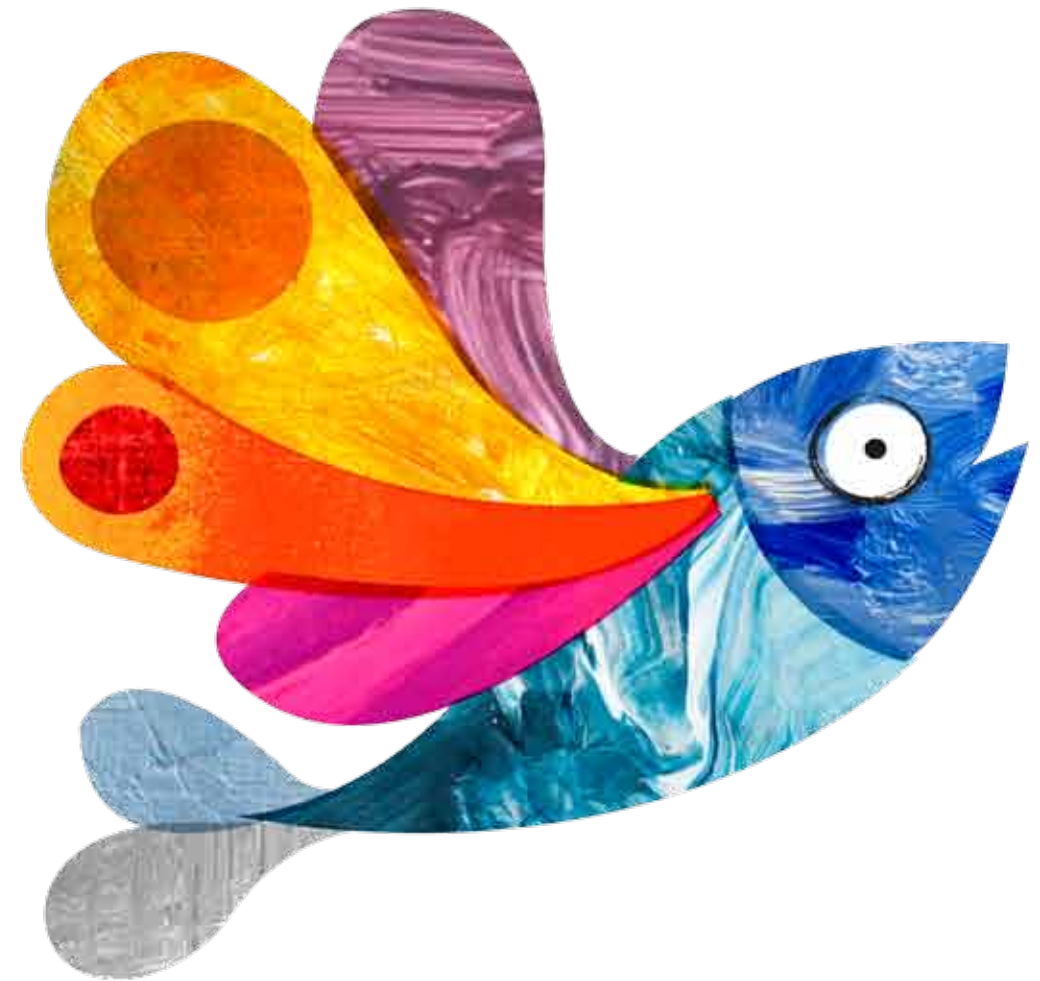


# I wish, *said the fish*

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I wish, *said the fish*  
I wish I could fly  
I'd leave this wet water  
And take to the sky.





I wish, *said the butterfly*  
For a family that's mine  
Sisters and brothers  
Nine hundred and nine.



I wish, *said the elephant*  
To be really small  
So when I trip over  
It's not far to fall.





I wish, *said the mouse*  
That I was more scary  
All teeth and sharp claws  
Growling and hairy.



I wish, *said the lion*  
I had stripes down my back  
Purple and yellow  
Blue, orange and black.

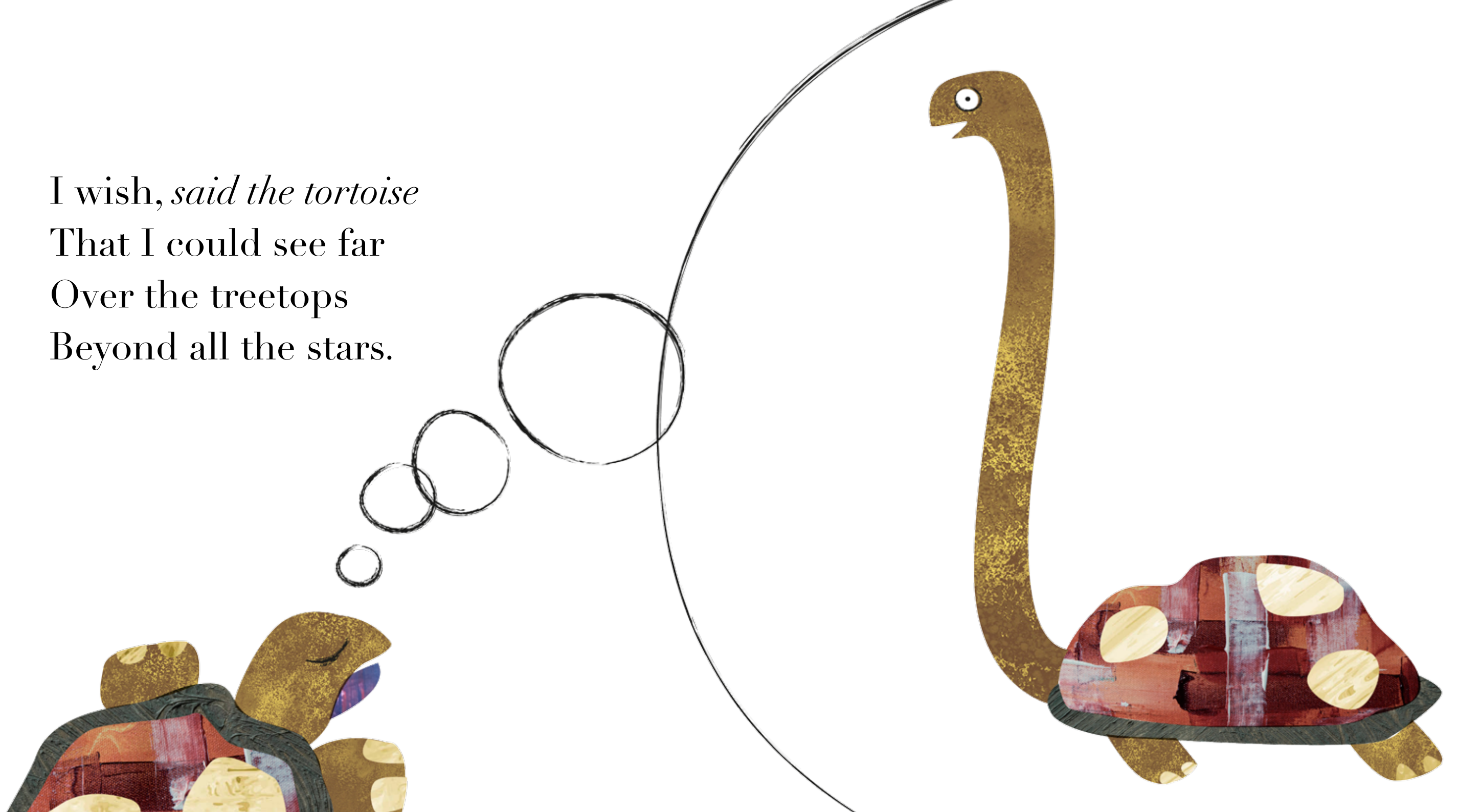




I wish, *said the zebra*  
For a home of my own  
I can shut the front door  
And be all alone.



I wish, *said the tortoise*  
That I could see far  
Over the treetops  
Beyond all the stars.





I wish, *said the giraffe*  
That I could sing  
Fa-la-la-la  
Boom-ba-da-bing!





I wish, *said the bird*  
I wish I could swim  
Into wet water  
I'd dip and dive in.









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