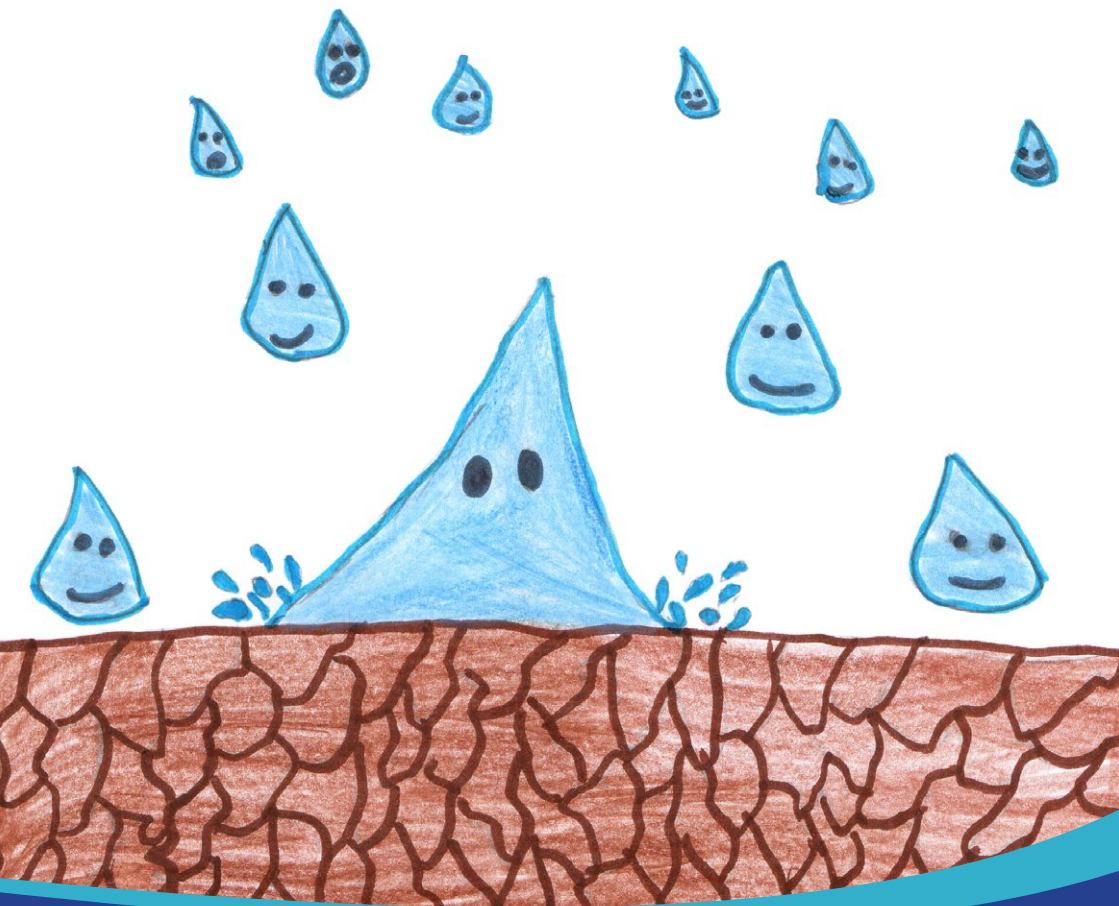


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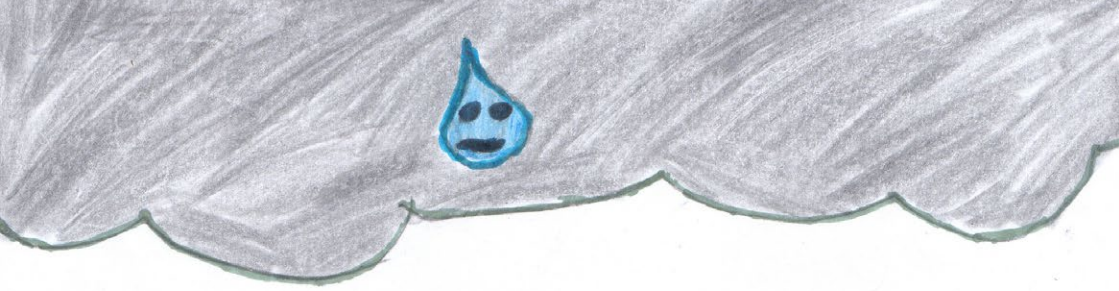
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As the fading colours keep on
descending, I hear the sound of
cows struggling to survive as they
walk across the cracking ground.

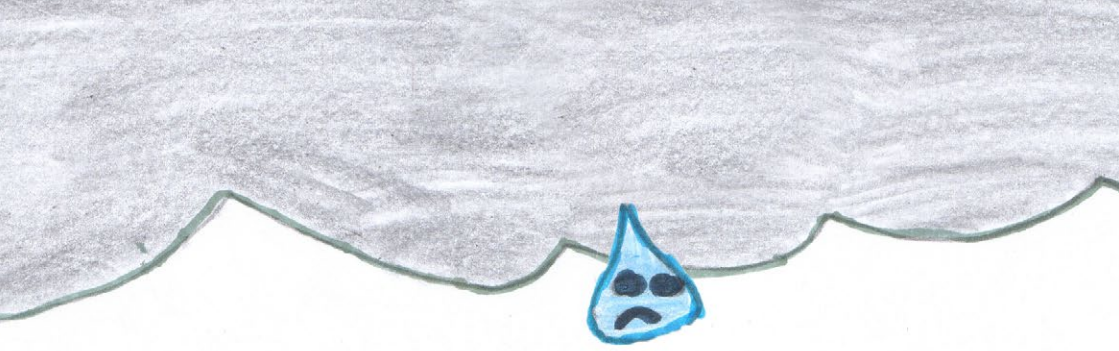




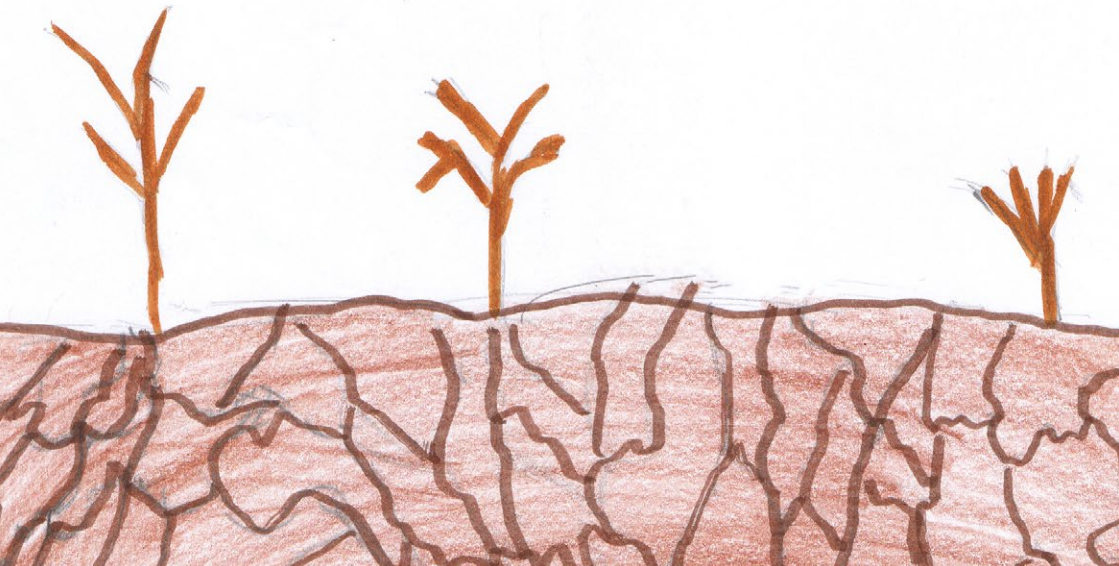
I wait for my time to fall. I try and try to
break free but the cloud holds me in.

Days and days go by. Each day gets
hotter and drier.



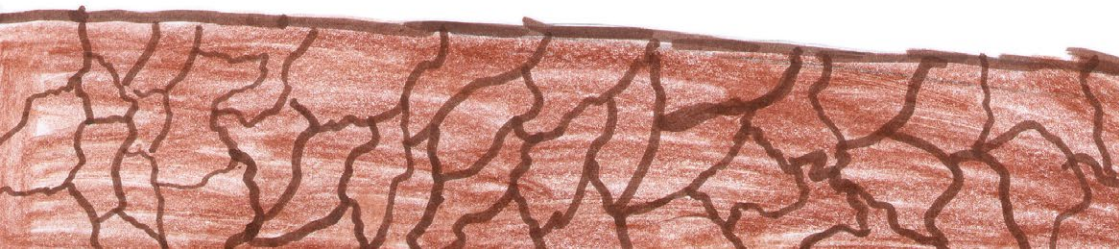


"I wish I could help with the pain.
I know my liquids could soothe
their sores," said the little raindrop.

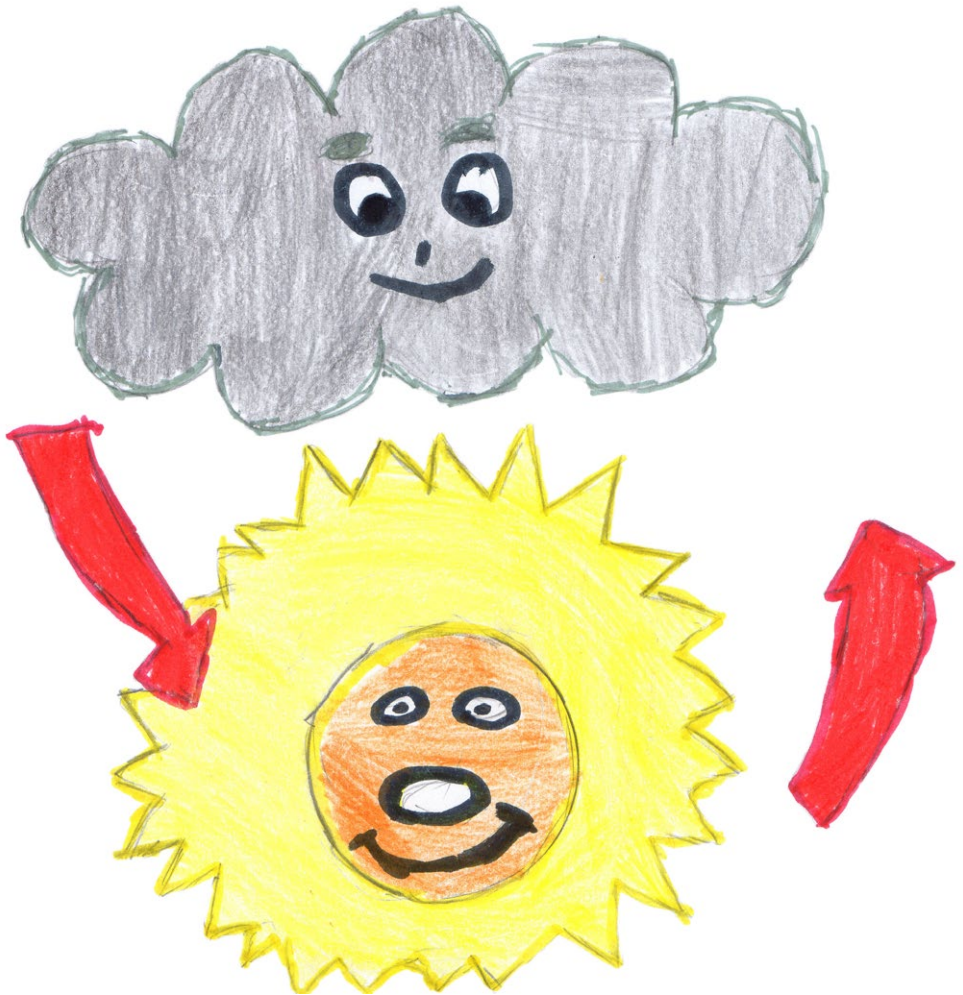




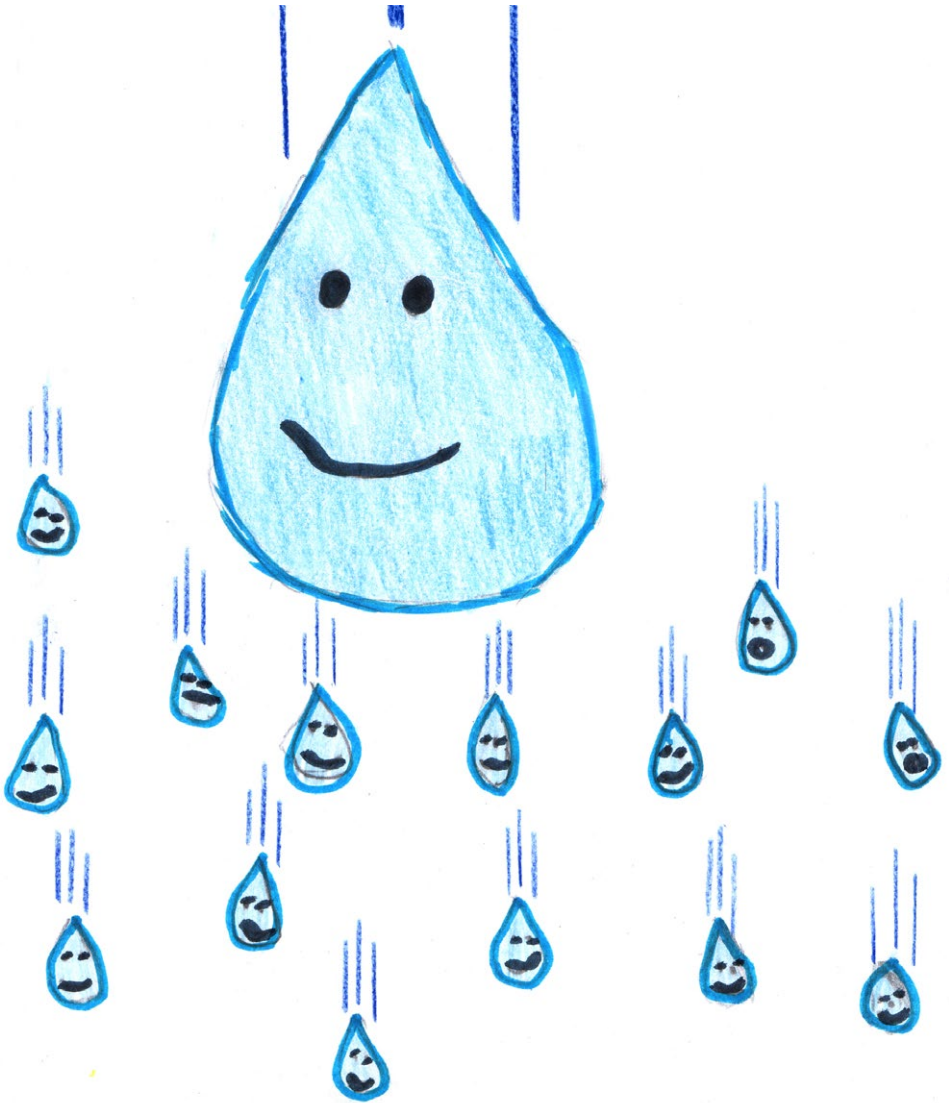
Suddenly the old grey cloud took a deep breath, let out a huge sigh and said, "I think it's time my little raindrops, I think it's time!"



"Finally enough of you have evaporated from below and condensed in my belly for me to let you go and precipitate," said the cloud.

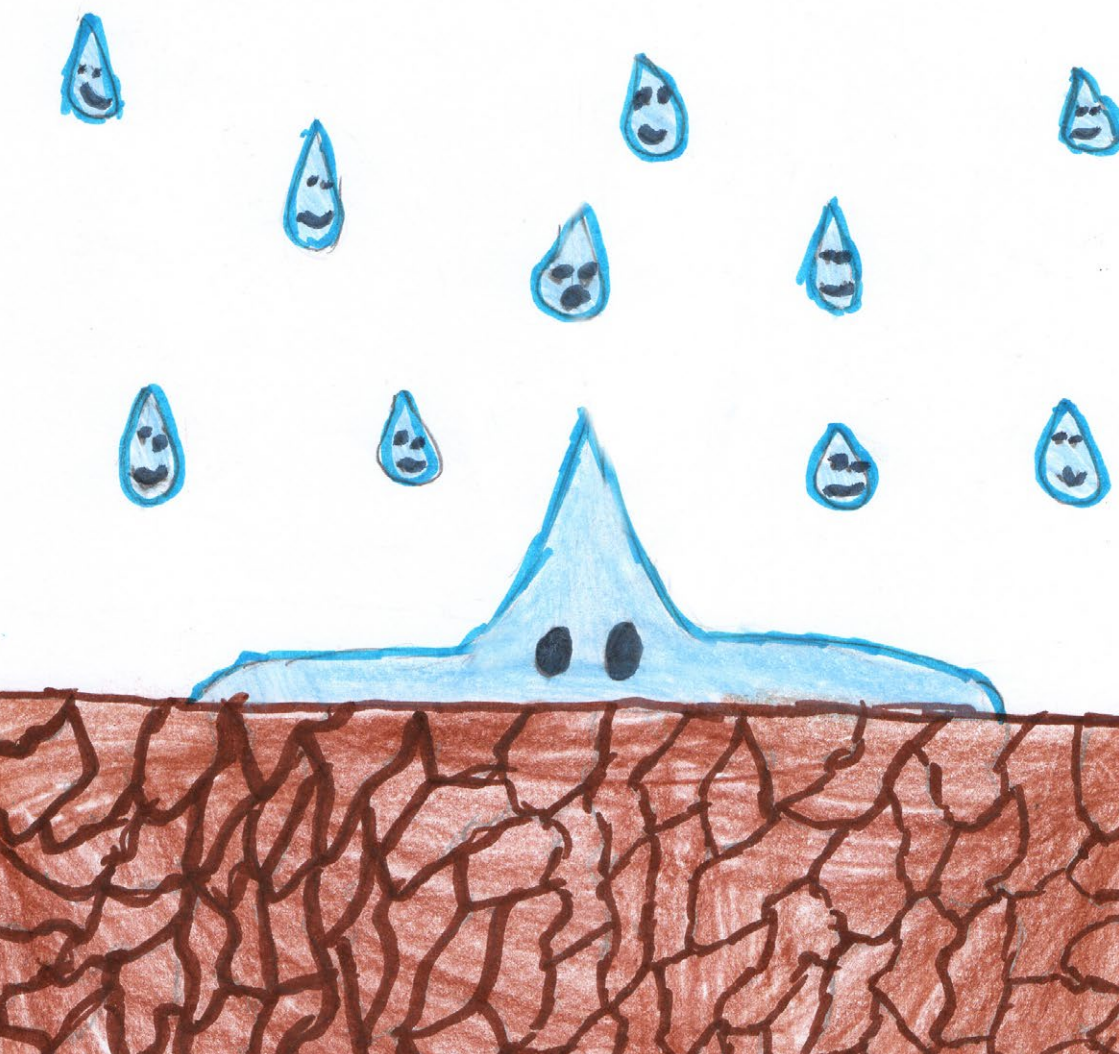


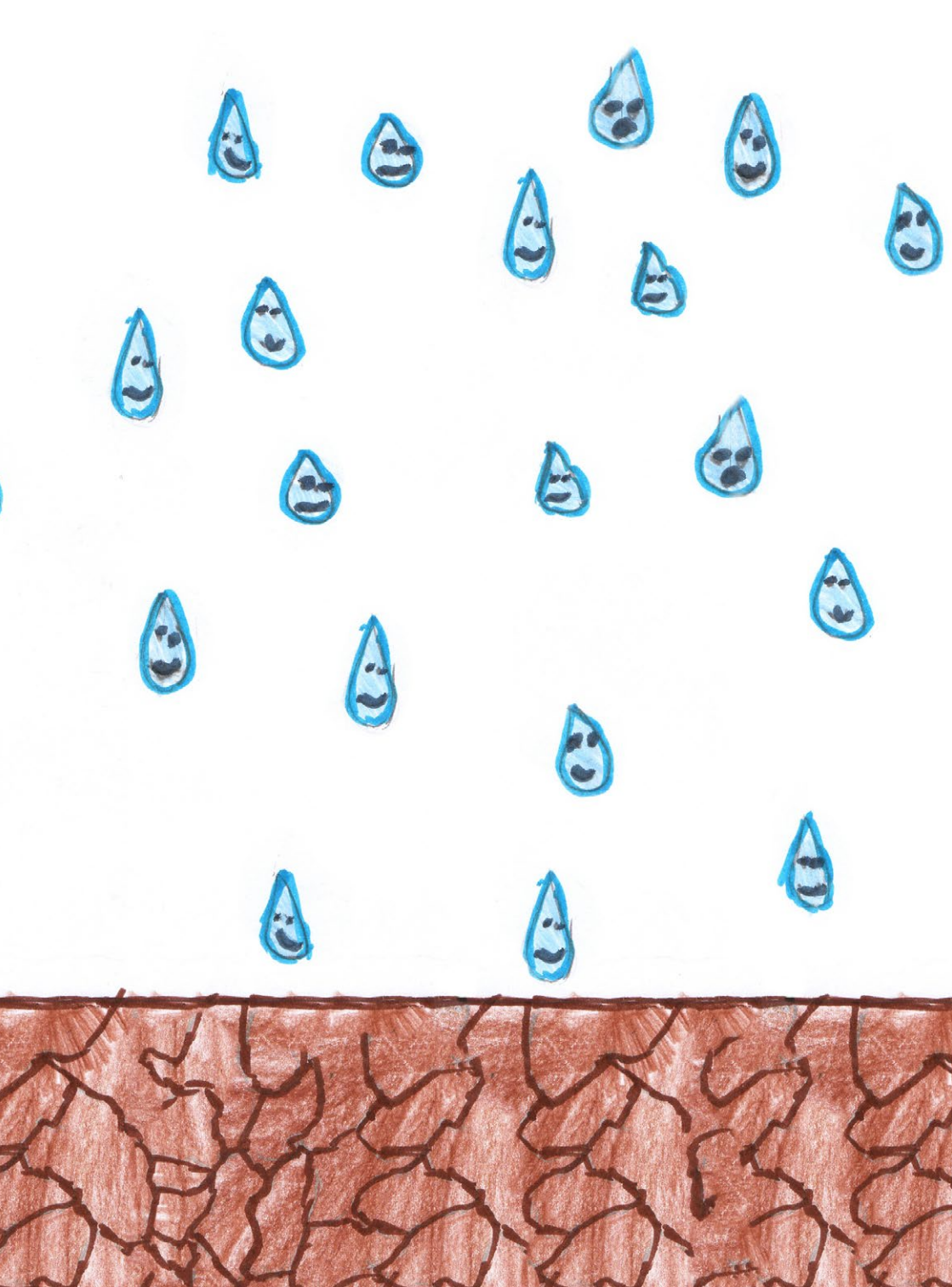
The time had come, so we all let go...
As I fall, I feel as free as I can be.



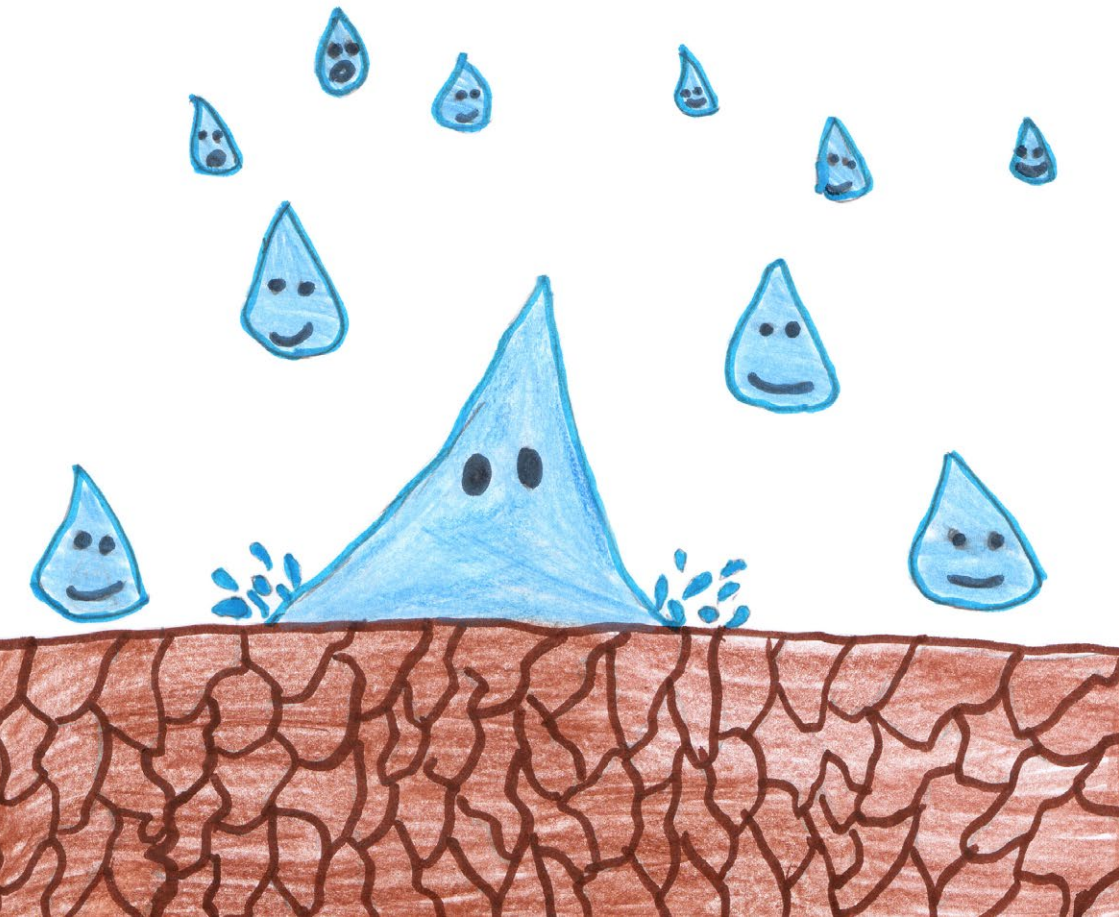
I can feel that I'm falling faster and faster. In seconds I will hit the ground.

Excitement takes over as my body slams down upon the hard brown dirt.



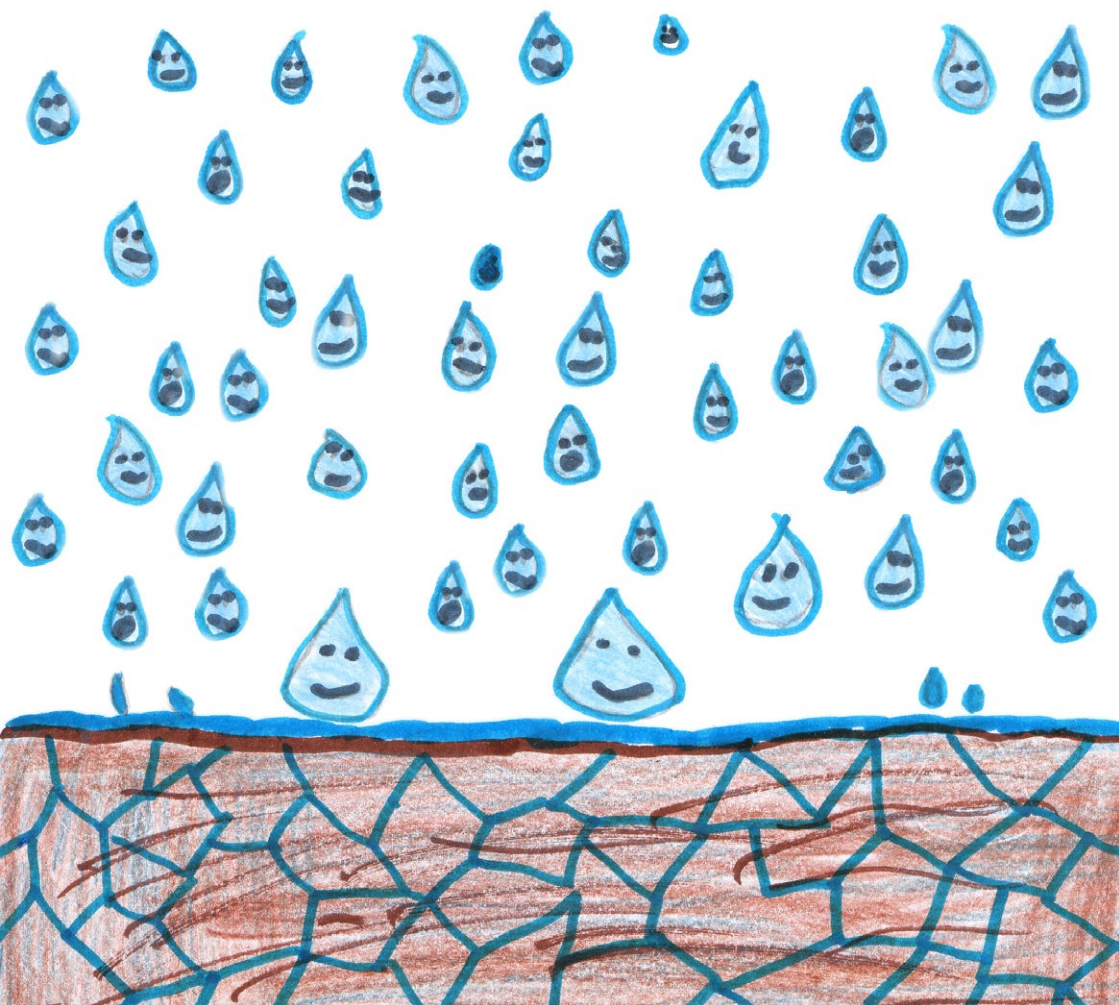


My friends constantly fall from the clouds. They collide with each other and form larger drops that come to help me soothe and nourish the dry earth.

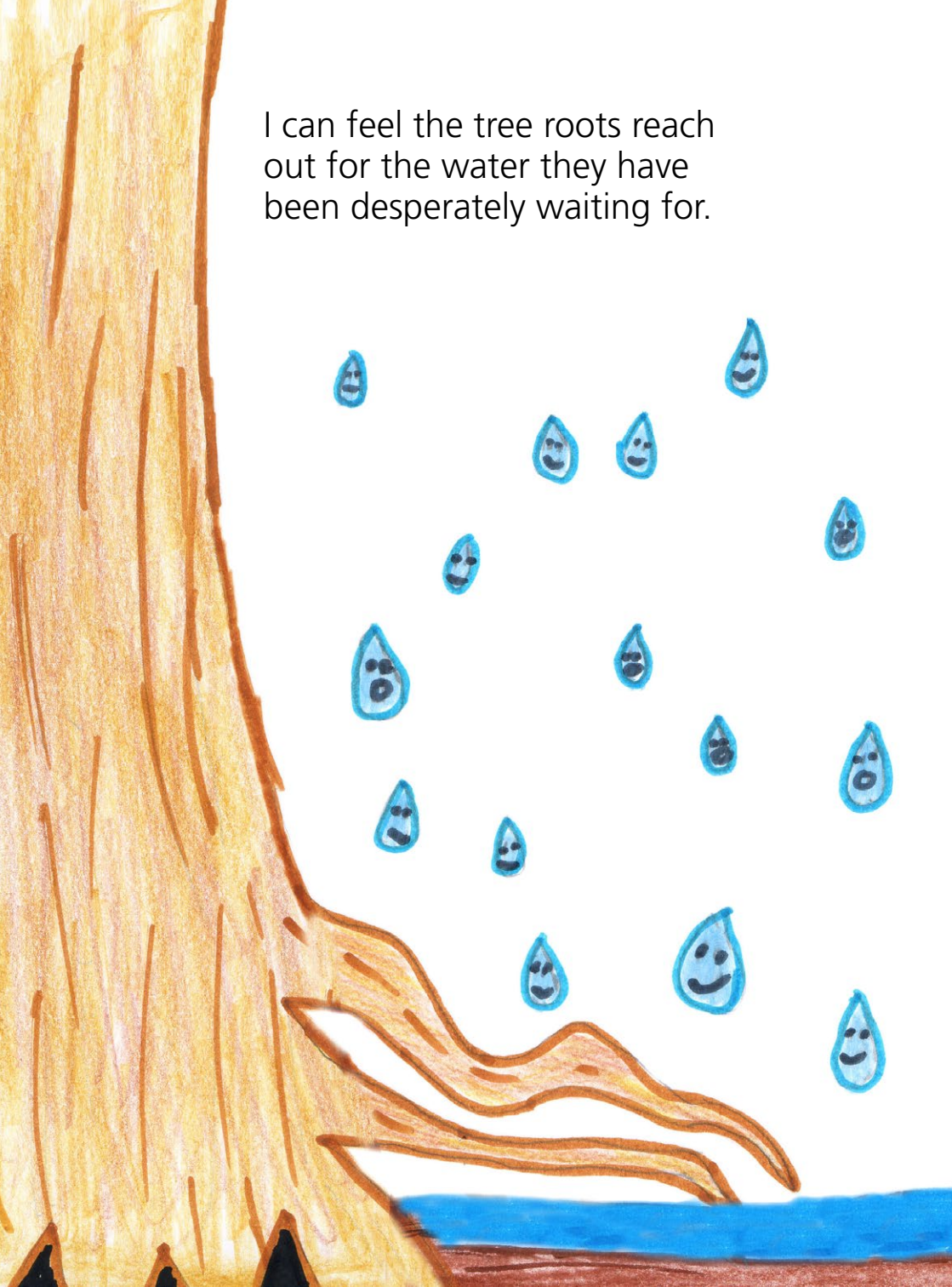


Our rain makes the dirt muddy as we flow across it, filling the dry cracks and soaking the ground.

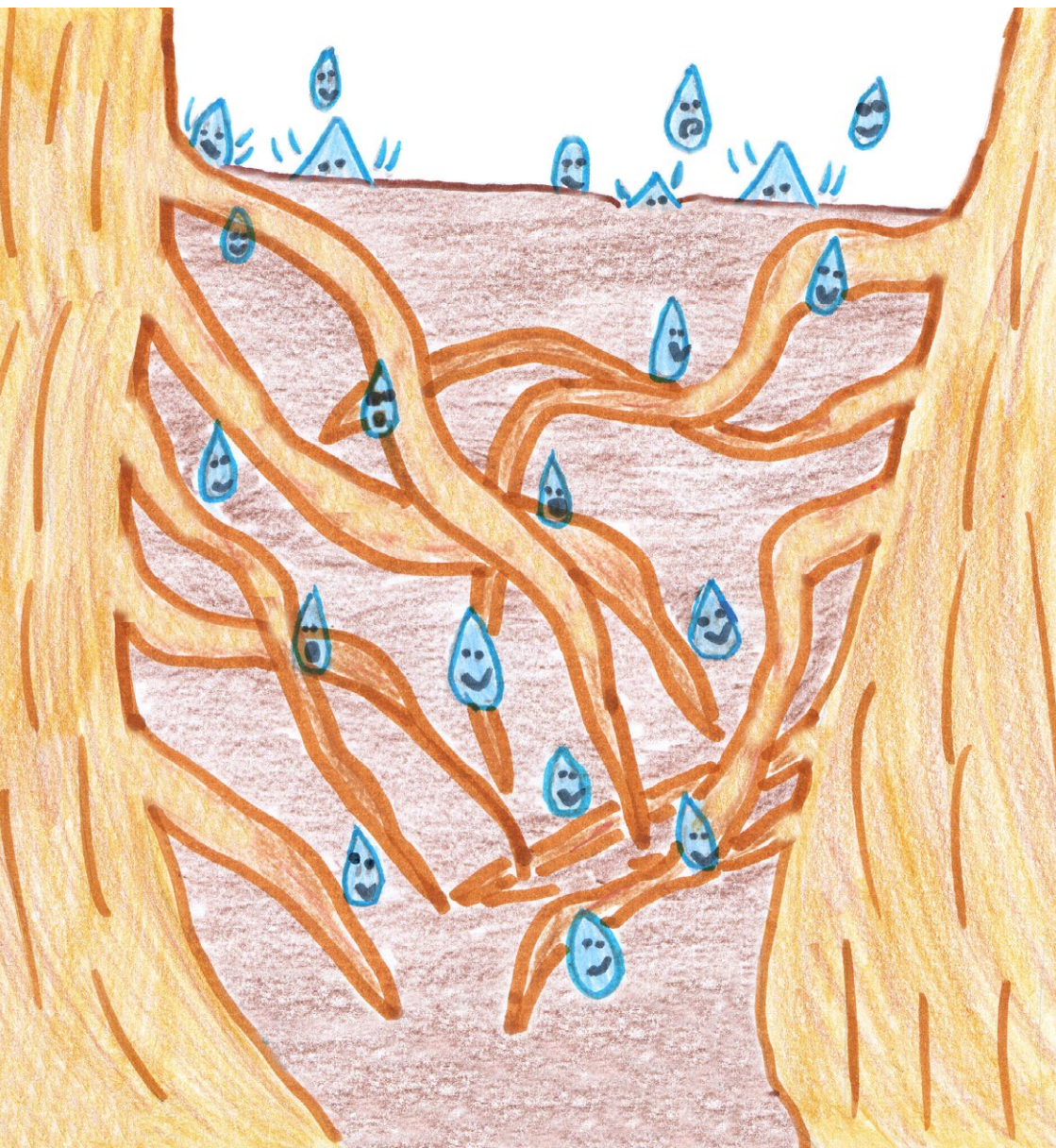
As we seep through the soil, the intensity of the drops begins to grow. There is going to be more water here than there has been for a very long time.



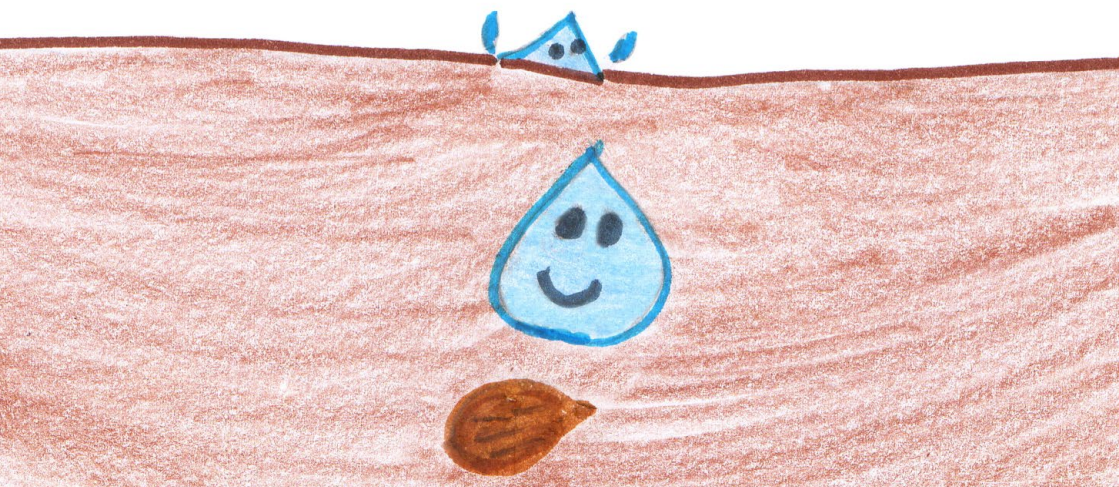
I can feel the tree roots reach
out for the water they have
been desperately waiting for.



More and more tree roots reach
out as my friends give them a
chance to live again.

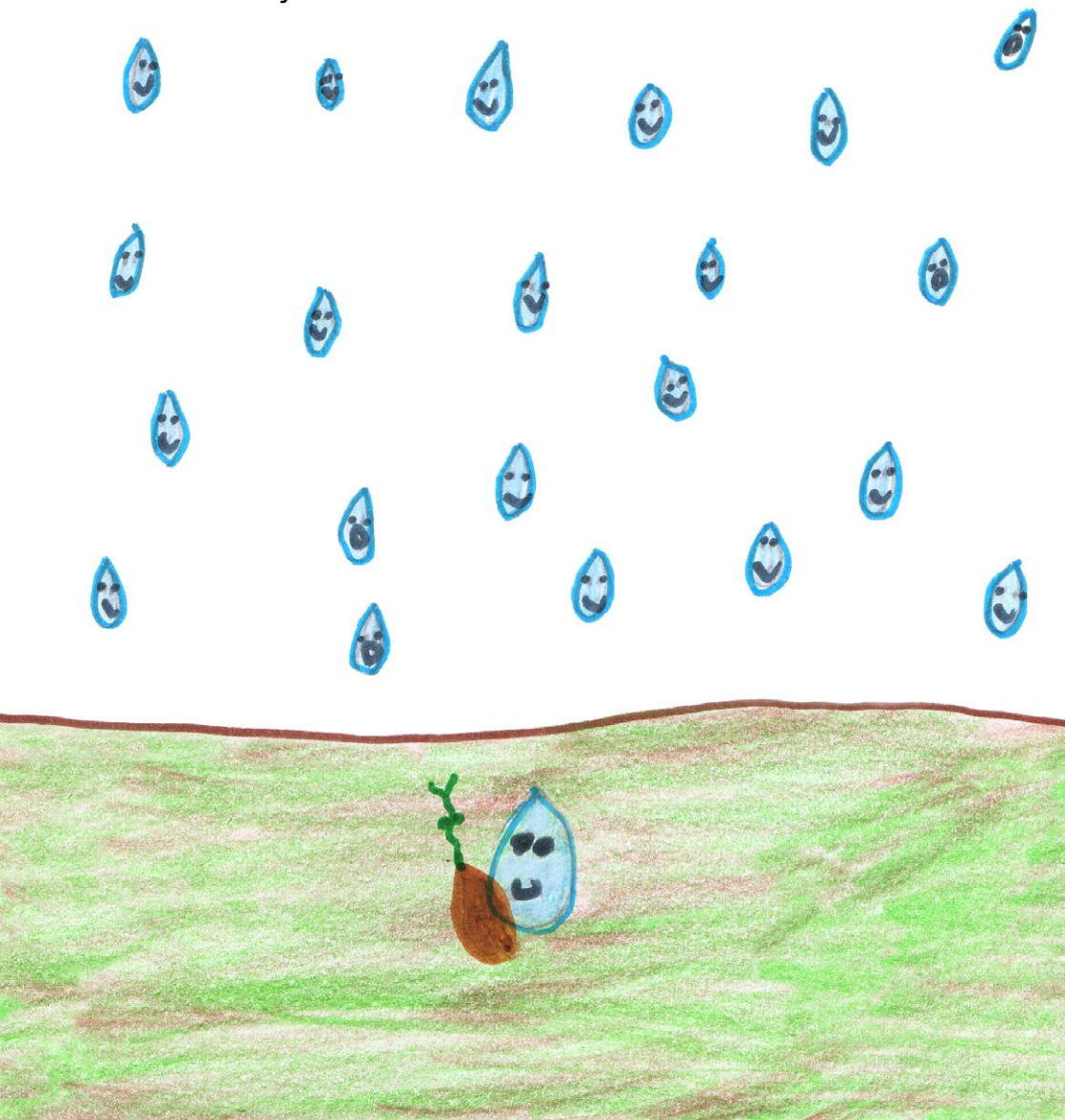


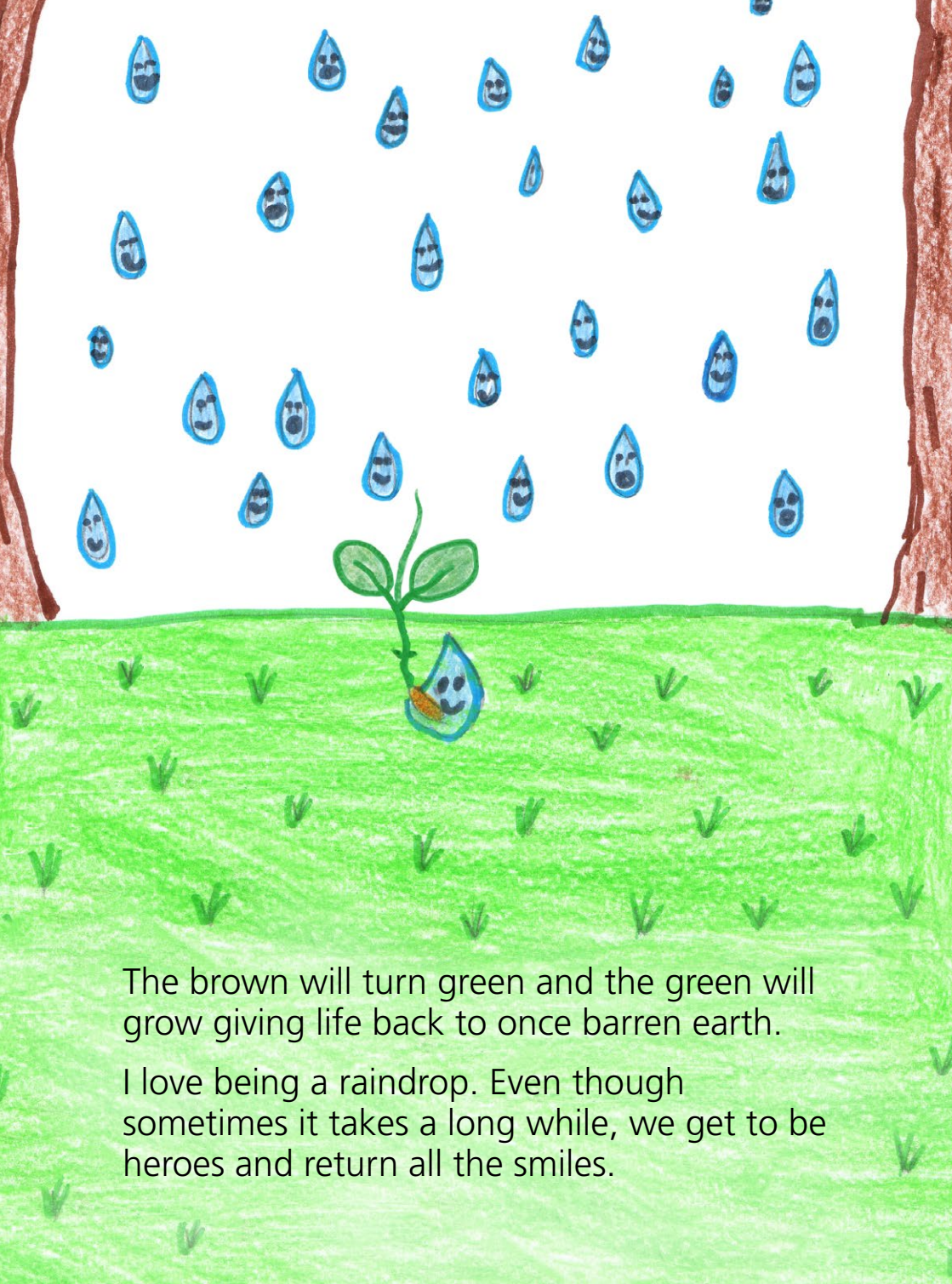
On my way down underground,
I find a single seed. I now
understand my purpose in life.



Gracefully I land on the seed. Giving it a chance to germinate, grow and live.

The once dry soil will become moist and life can be rejuvenated.





The brown will turn green and the green will grow giving life back to once barren earth.

I love being a raindrop. Even though sometimes it takes a long while, we get to be heroes and return all the smiles.



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