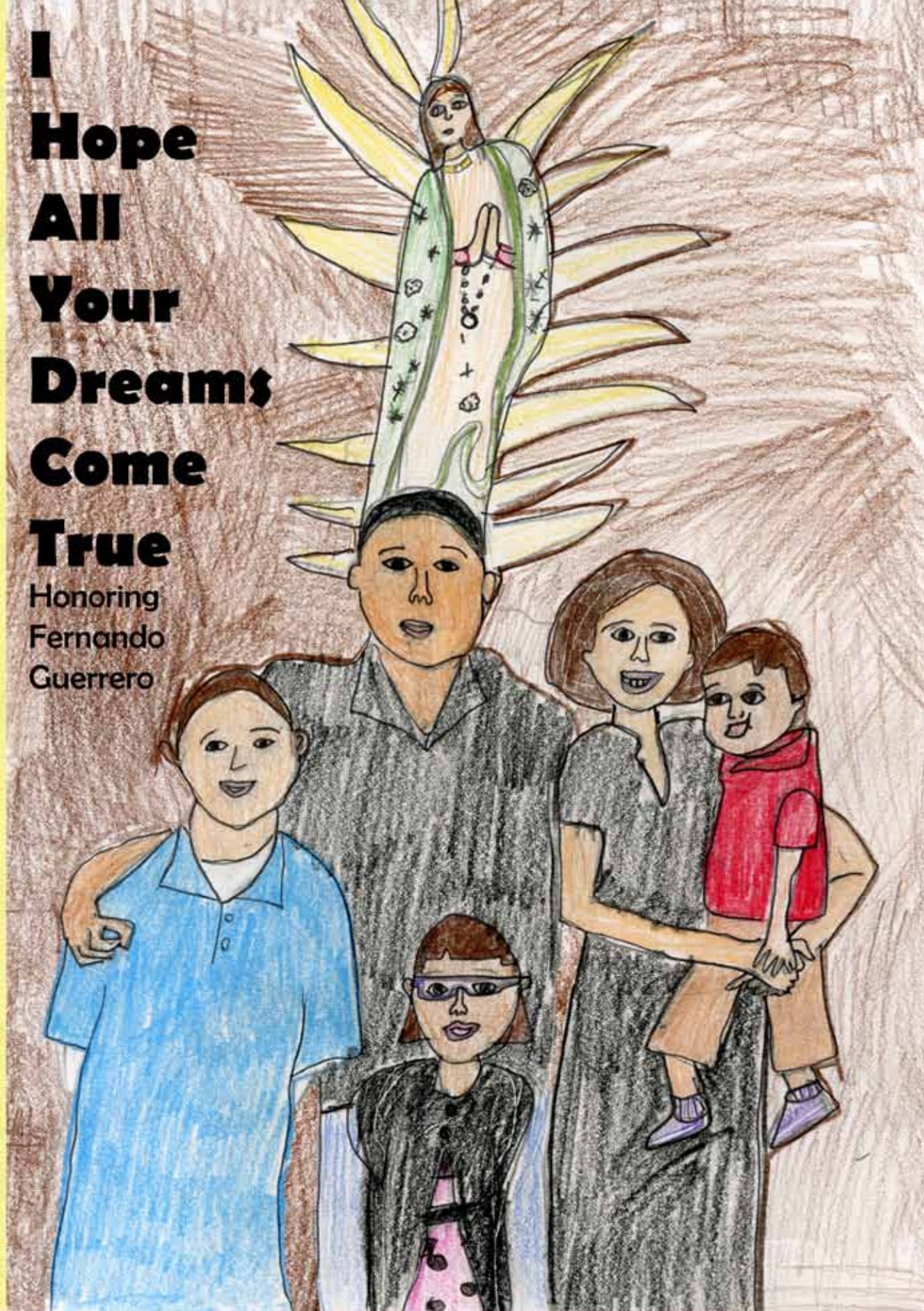




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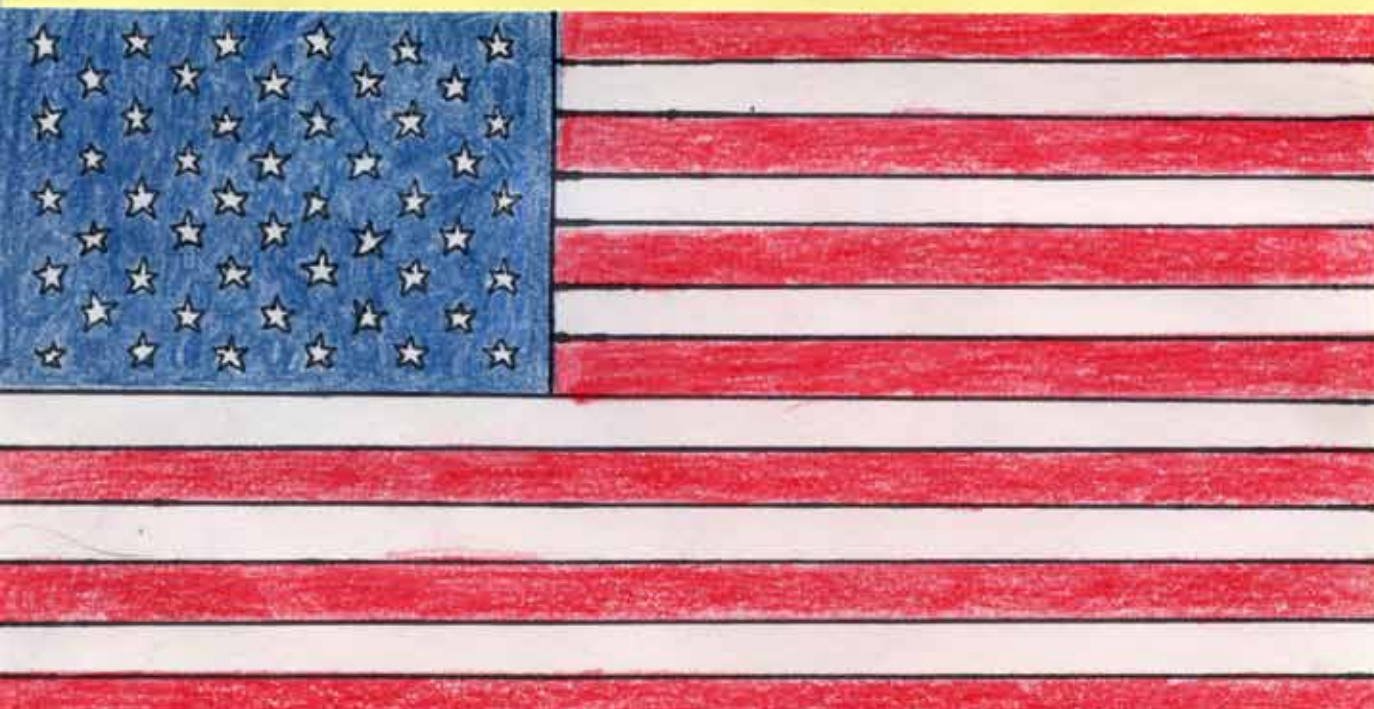
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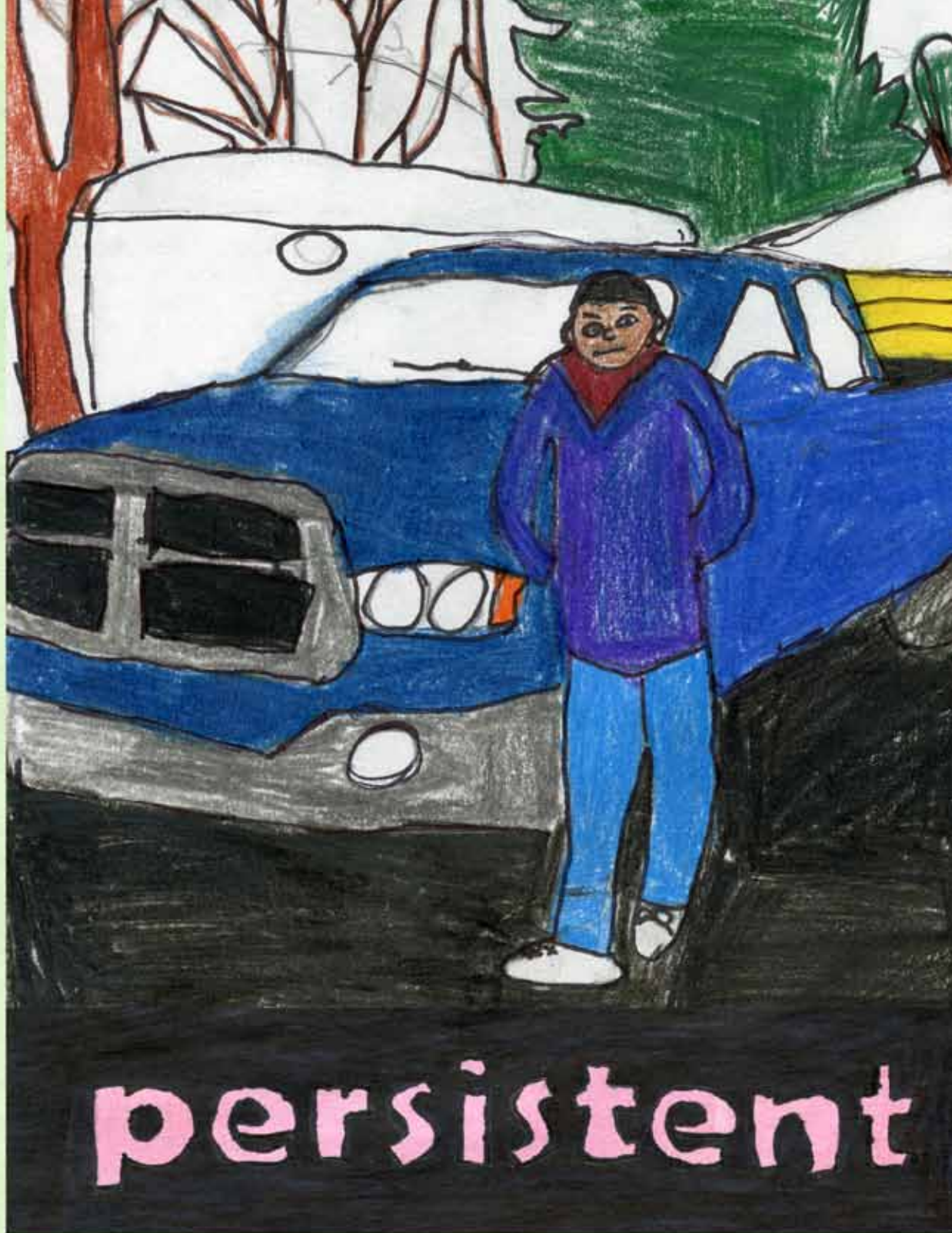


brave



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so I had to pay for rent, school and food.
I was out on my own, no time to be scared,
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Came to Minnesota donde mi tia vive
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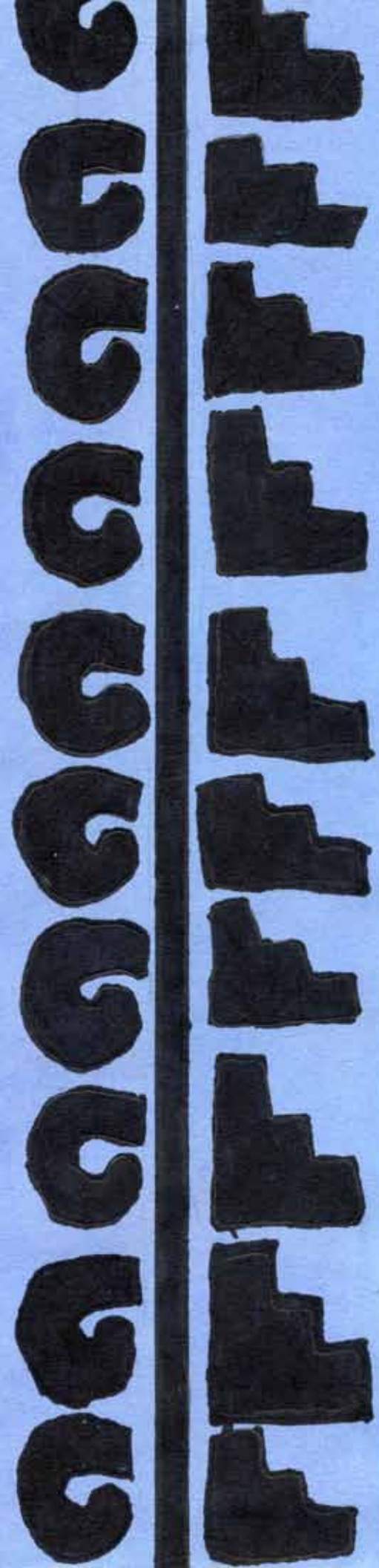


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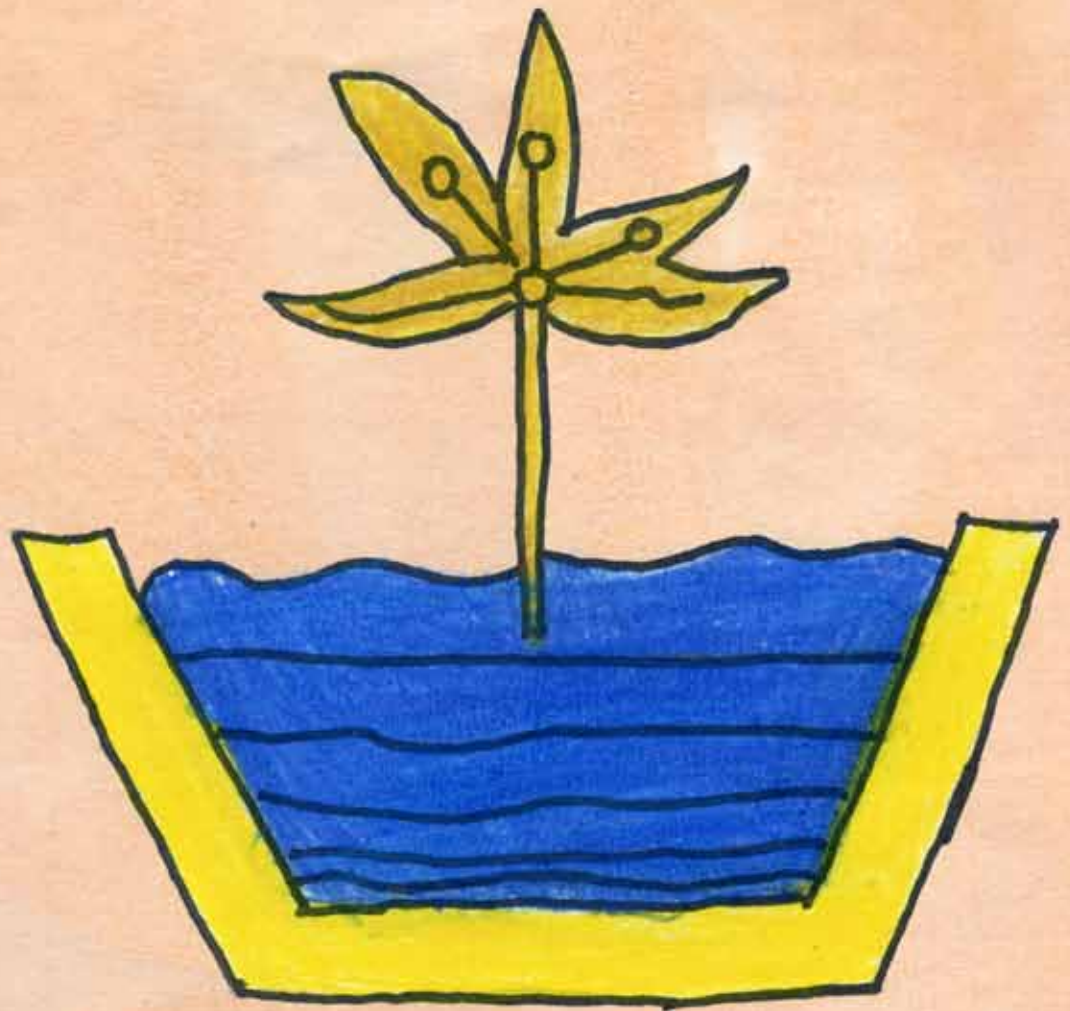




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I HOPE ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE was produced through an educational and cultural program created by Smithsonian Folkways Recording artist Larry Long, entitled Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song.

Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song is a program of Community Celebration of Place, a non-profit organization, which works with communities through music, performance, art and oral history to bring together children, elders, and people of different backgrounds-economic, faith, racial and cultural-in order to build intergenerational and multicultural opportunities for all schools and communities to prosper.

Dr. Tony Seeger, Curator Emeritus of Smithsonian Folkways, writes, *"When senior members of a community talk about their lives and work and children write songs with Larry Long about what they have learned from the elders, they create a remarkable celebration of humanity and hard work."*



To learn more about Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song:
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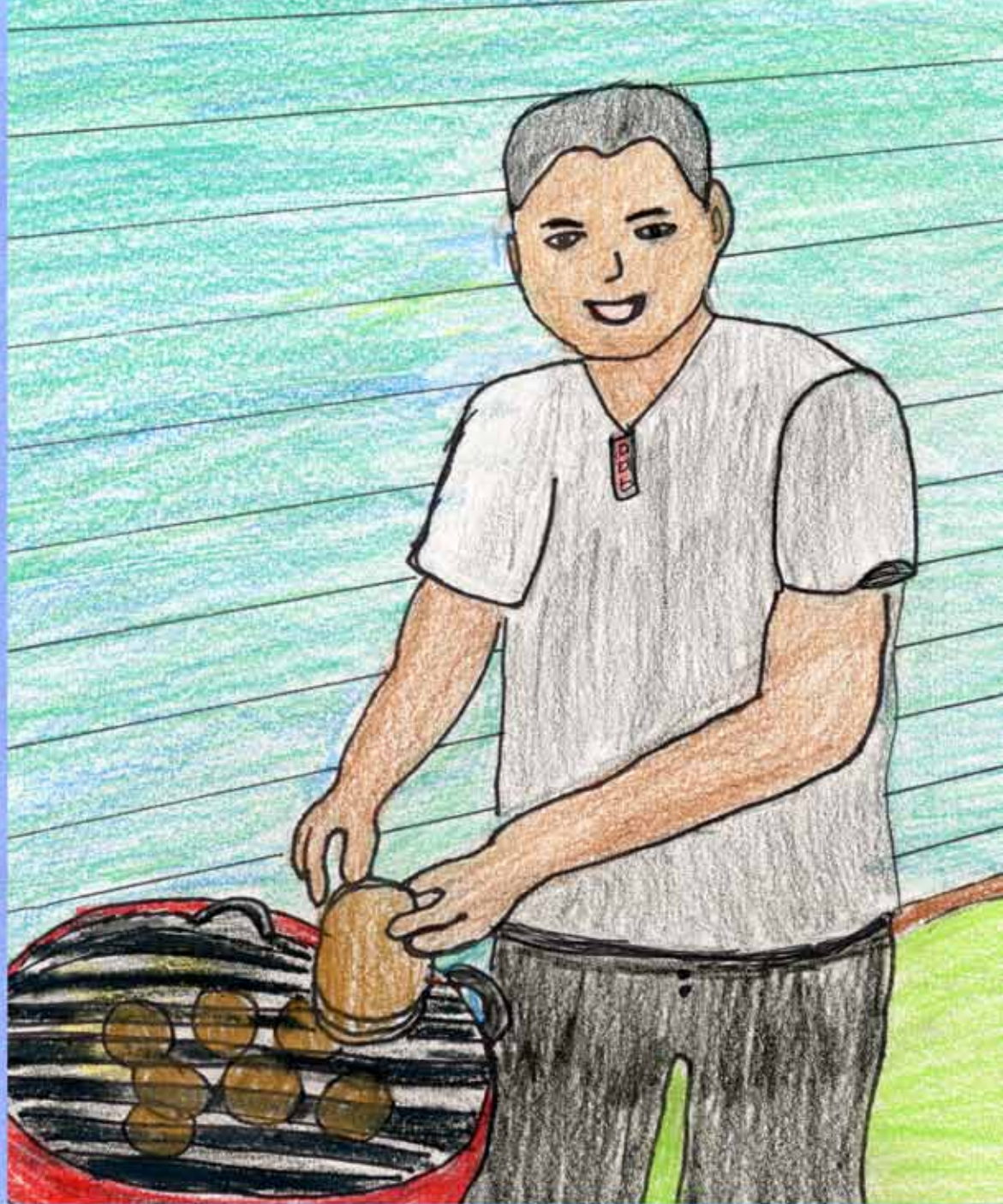
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