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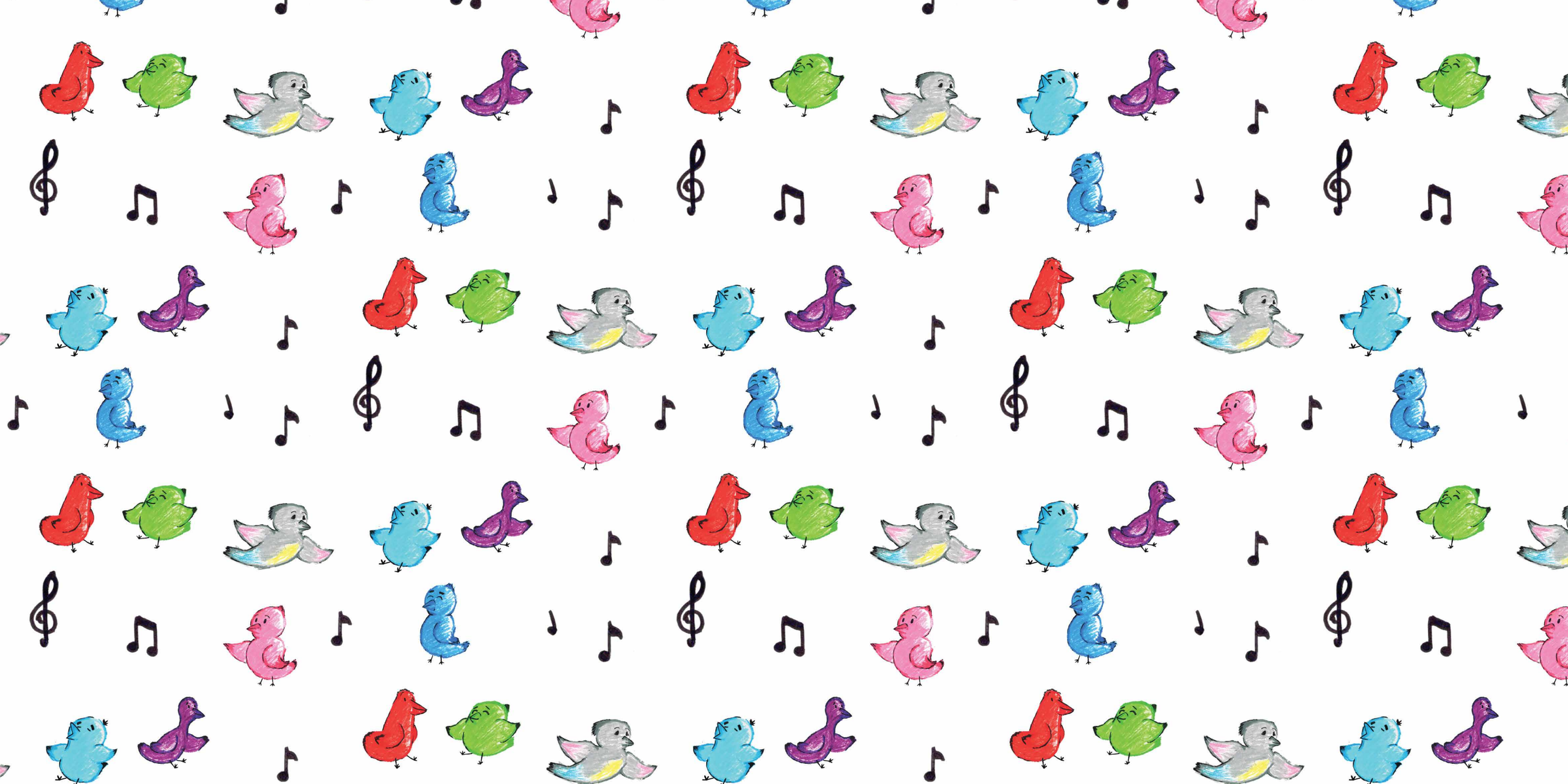

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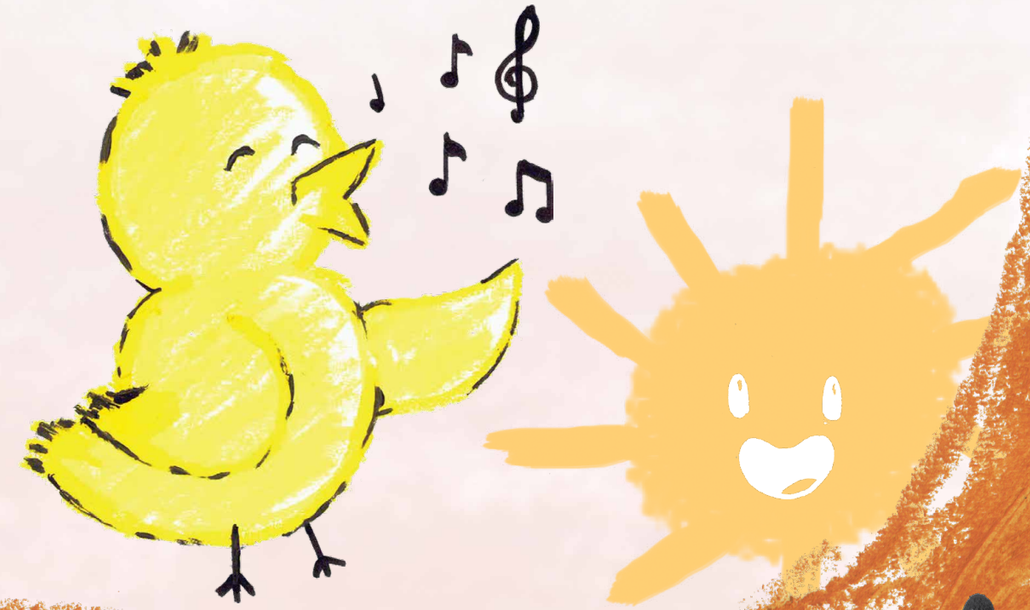

Kudala-dala, kwihlathi
laseMincilini, iintaka nemithi
zazikwazi ukuthetha kunye.
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Kwakukho usapho lweentaka olwalunabantwana abathathu: uZuba, uPinki noTyheli.

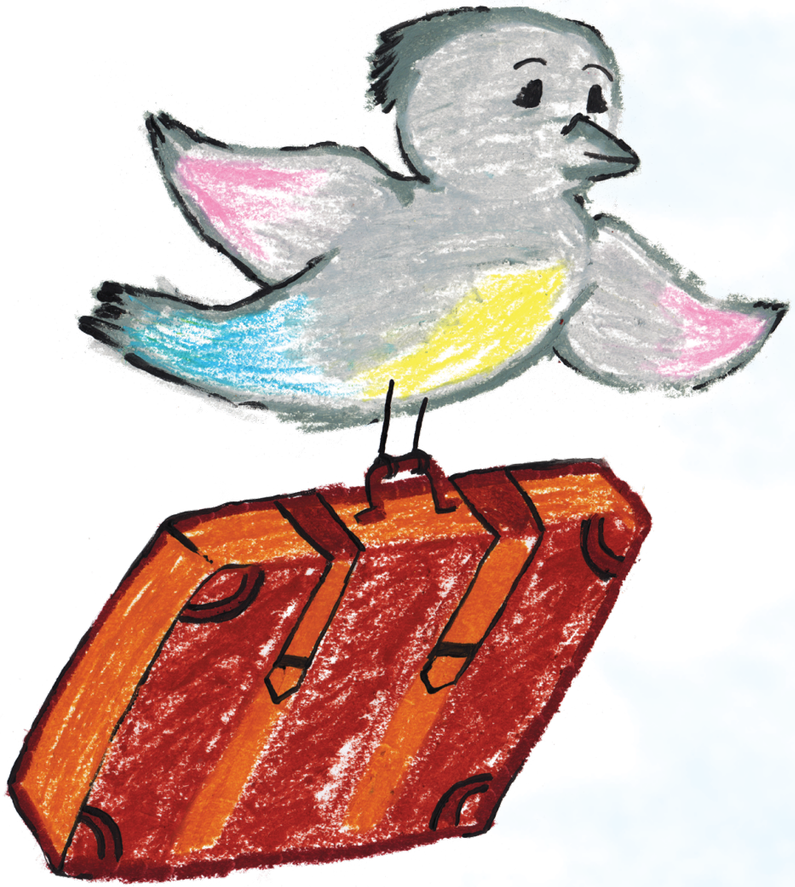
Bonke babehlala emthini omkhulu onobulumko obizwa ngokuthi nguMamango.

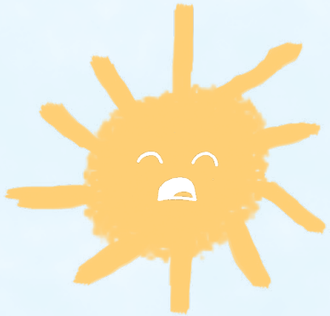
Lalimnandi kakhulu ilizwi likaMama uNtaka! Wayevuka kwangoko acule ingoma yakhe.

Kodwa ngenye imini, kwafika imbalela kuloo mmandla. Imilambo yatsha namagqabi awa emithini.

UMamango wacinga ixesha elide futhi ecinga nzulu.

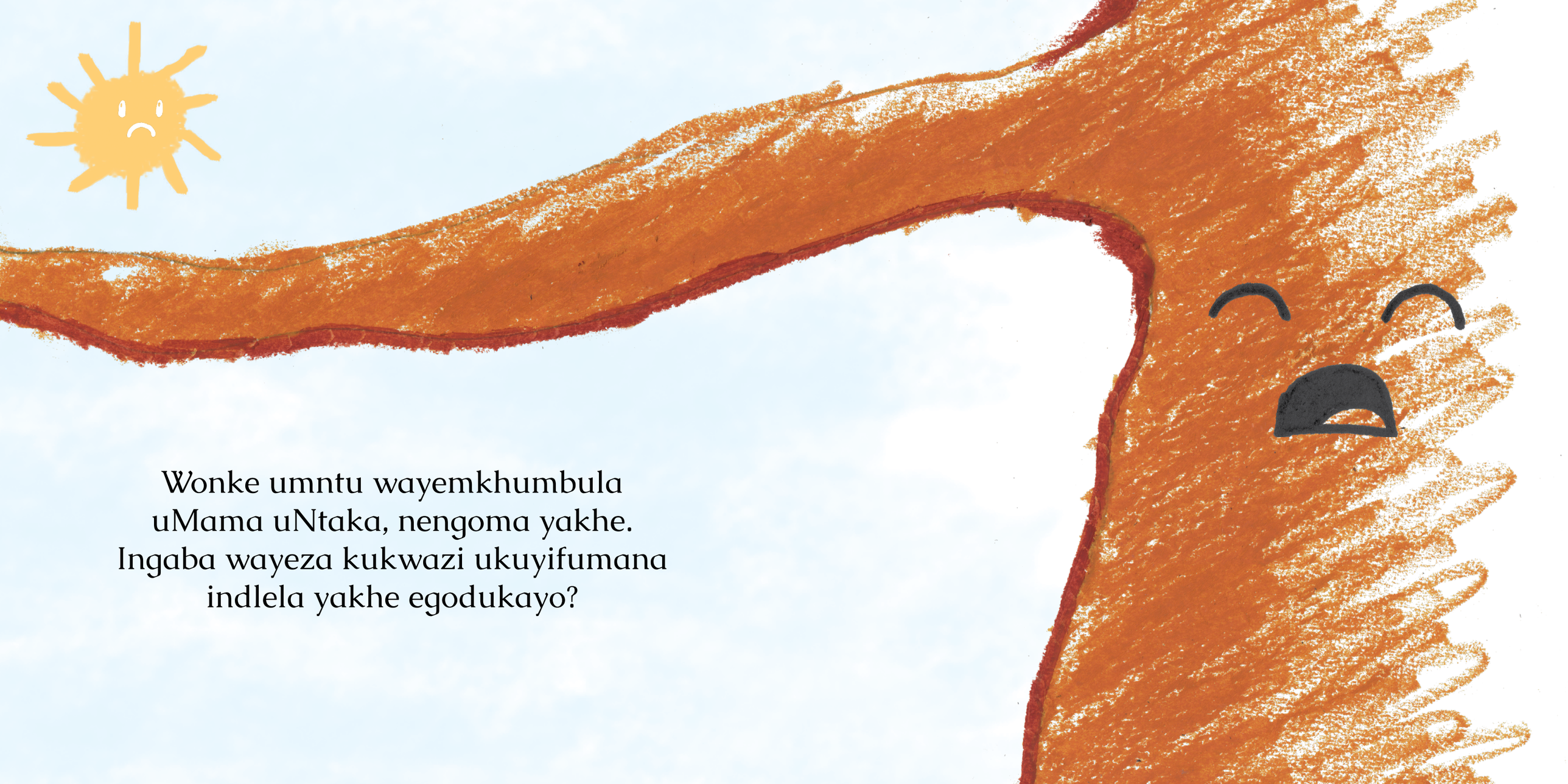
“Mhlawumbi ngesilanda umbungu wemilingo ozisa imvula. Kodwa ngubani oya kusiyela?”





“Ndiza kuya. Andoyiki,” watsho uMama uNtaka.

Nanko ebhabha.



Wonke umntu wayemkhumbula
uMama uNtaka, nengoma yakhe.
Ingaba wayeza kukwazi ukuyifumana
indlela yakhe egodukayo?

“Kuza kwenzeka ntoni ukuba sicula ingoma kaMama?”

wacebisa watsho uTyheli.

“UMama wayesoloko esithi ukuba sicula ingoma yakhe, uya kuyifumana indlela yakhe ebuyela kuthi.”

“Kodwa andikwazi ukucula!”

wakhala uPinki.

“Wakhe wazama ukucula?”

wabuza uMamango.

“Ndakhe ndazama ukucula,”

watsho uTyheli.

“Ndingakufundisa.”

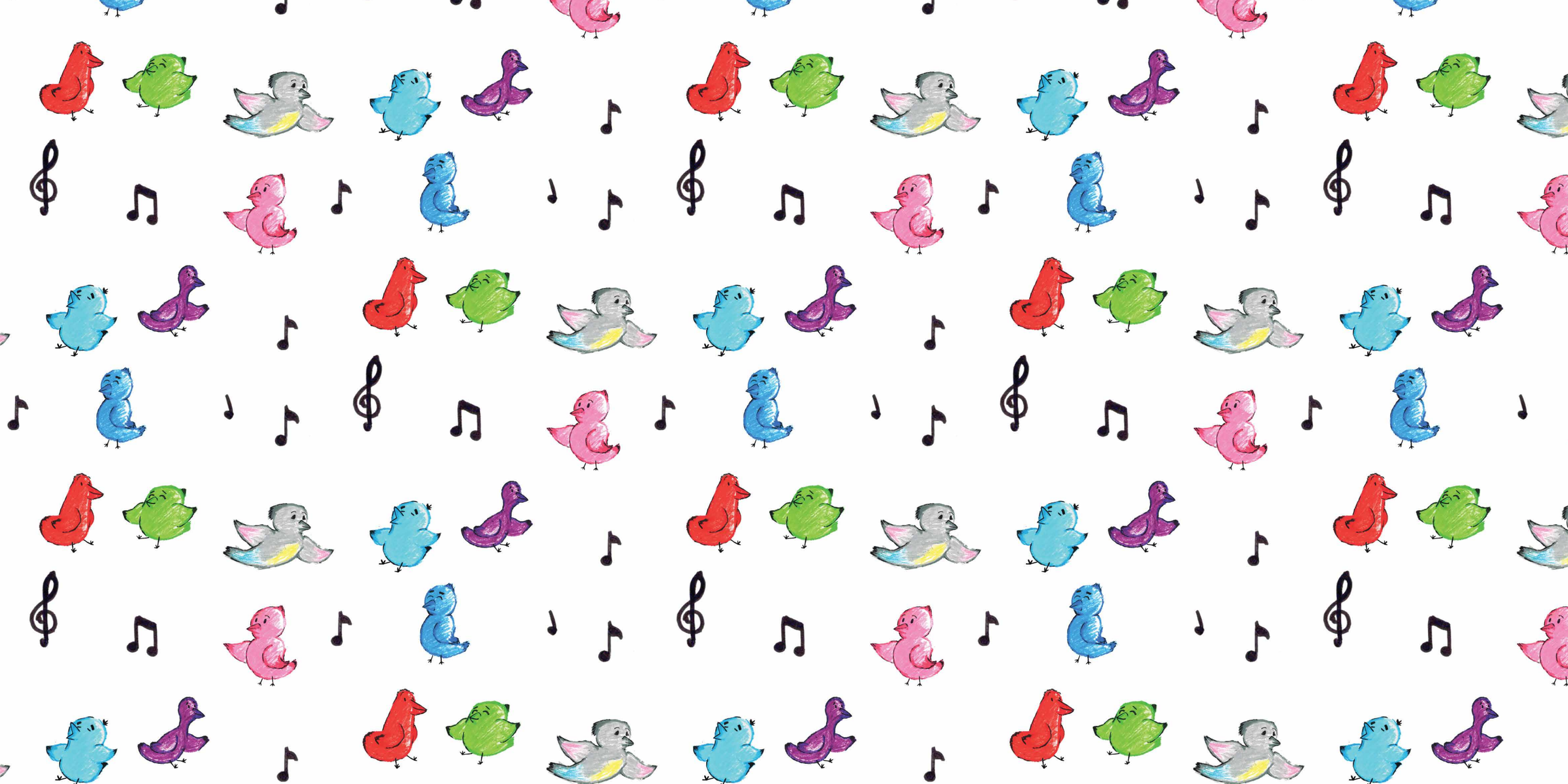
Kwangoko ngentsasa elandelayo,
uTyheli wacula ingoma kaMama,

"Yintsasa entle le!

Sivuka sicule!"

Imvula yaqalisa ukuna.

Ekugqibeleni, zonke iintaka zalandela uTyheli zacula.

UMama uNtaka wayifumana indlela yakhe yokubuyela eMincilini.

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