

# More Than Enough

A Passover Story



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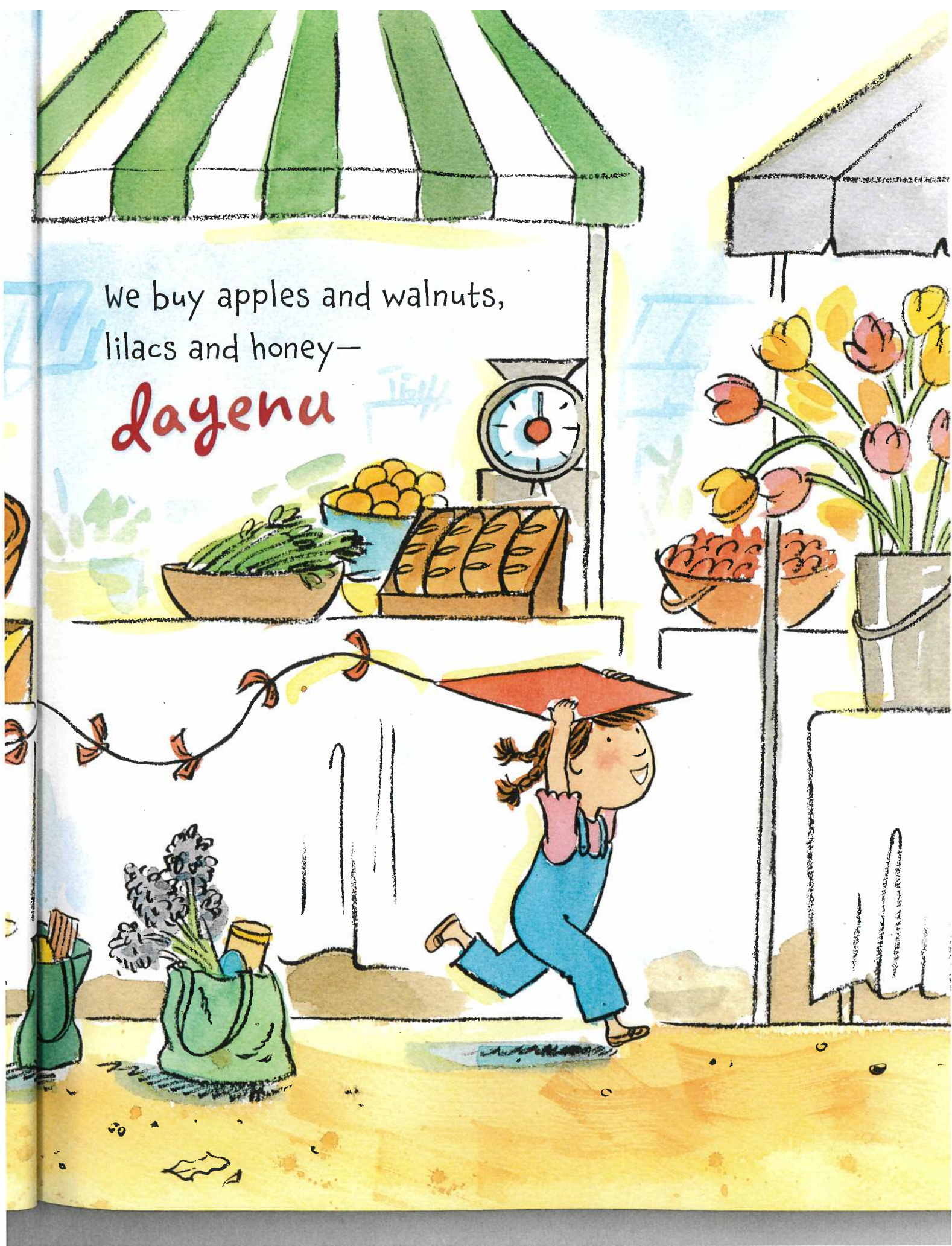
We wander the market  
surrounded by colors—

Layenu



We buy apples and walnuts,  
lilacs and honey—

*layenu*



We reach through the bars  
to lift one purring kitten.





He licks Mama's nose

so she says we can  
keep him—



layenu

Wait . . . is that rain?  
Yes, it's *rain*, we can taste it!

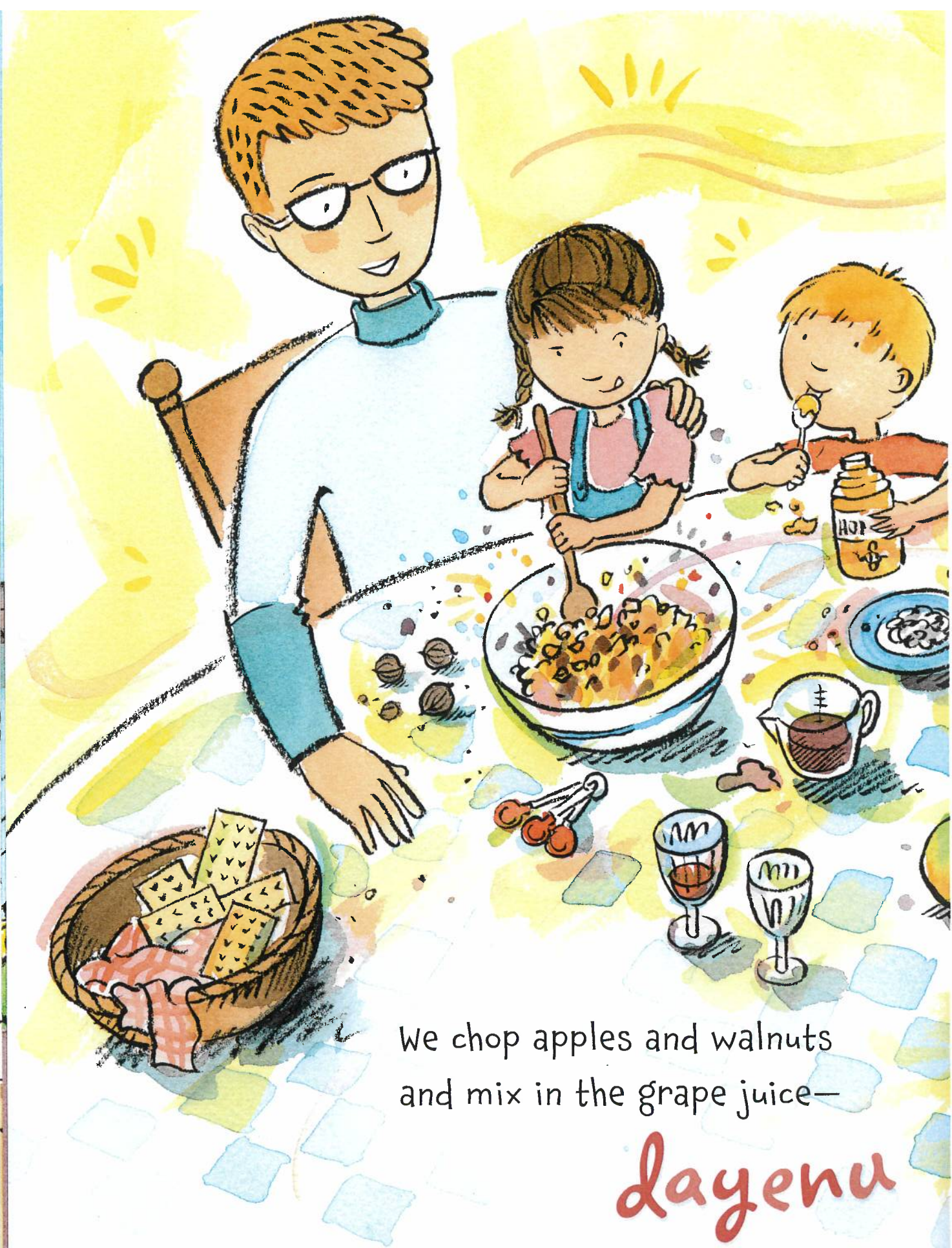
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Kitten meets Daddy  
as we carry in groceries—

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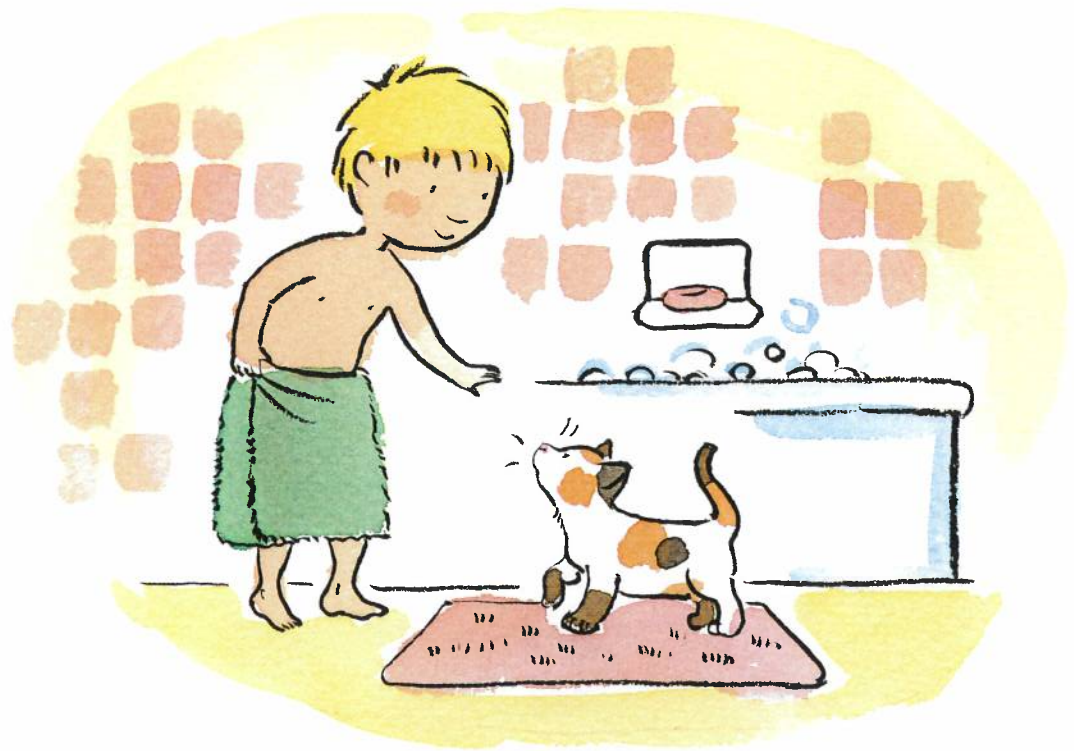
We chop apples and walnuts  
and mix in the grape juice—

*dayenu*





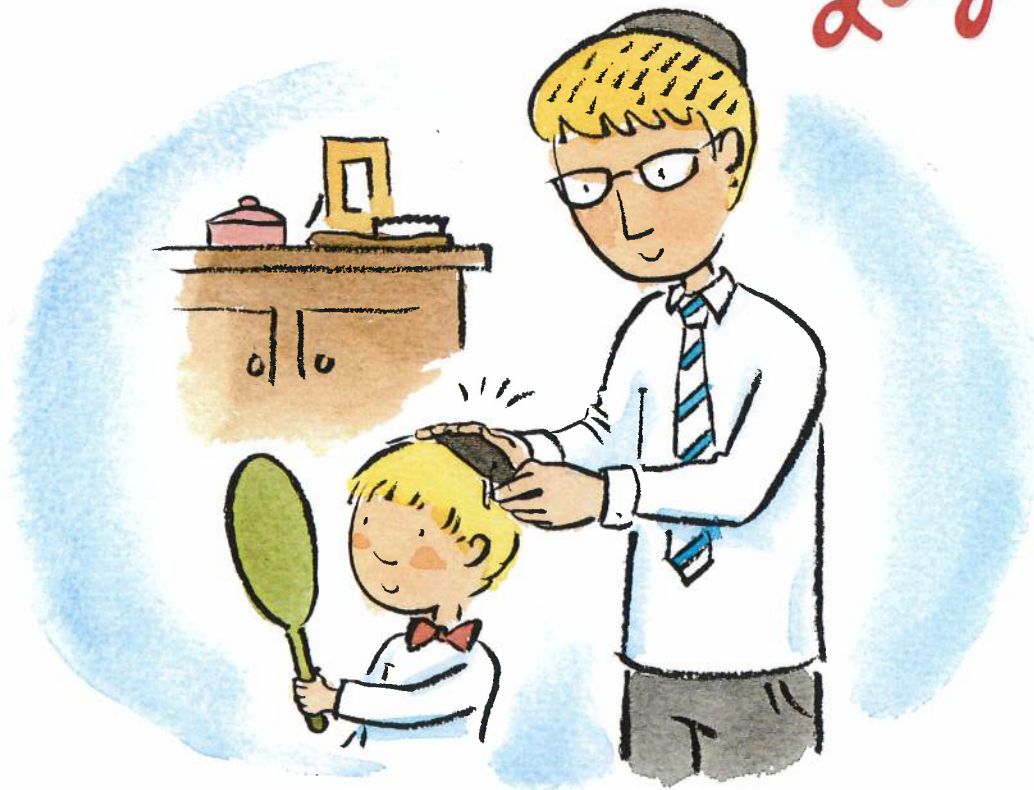
We soak in blue bubbles





and dress up for dinner—

*layenu*



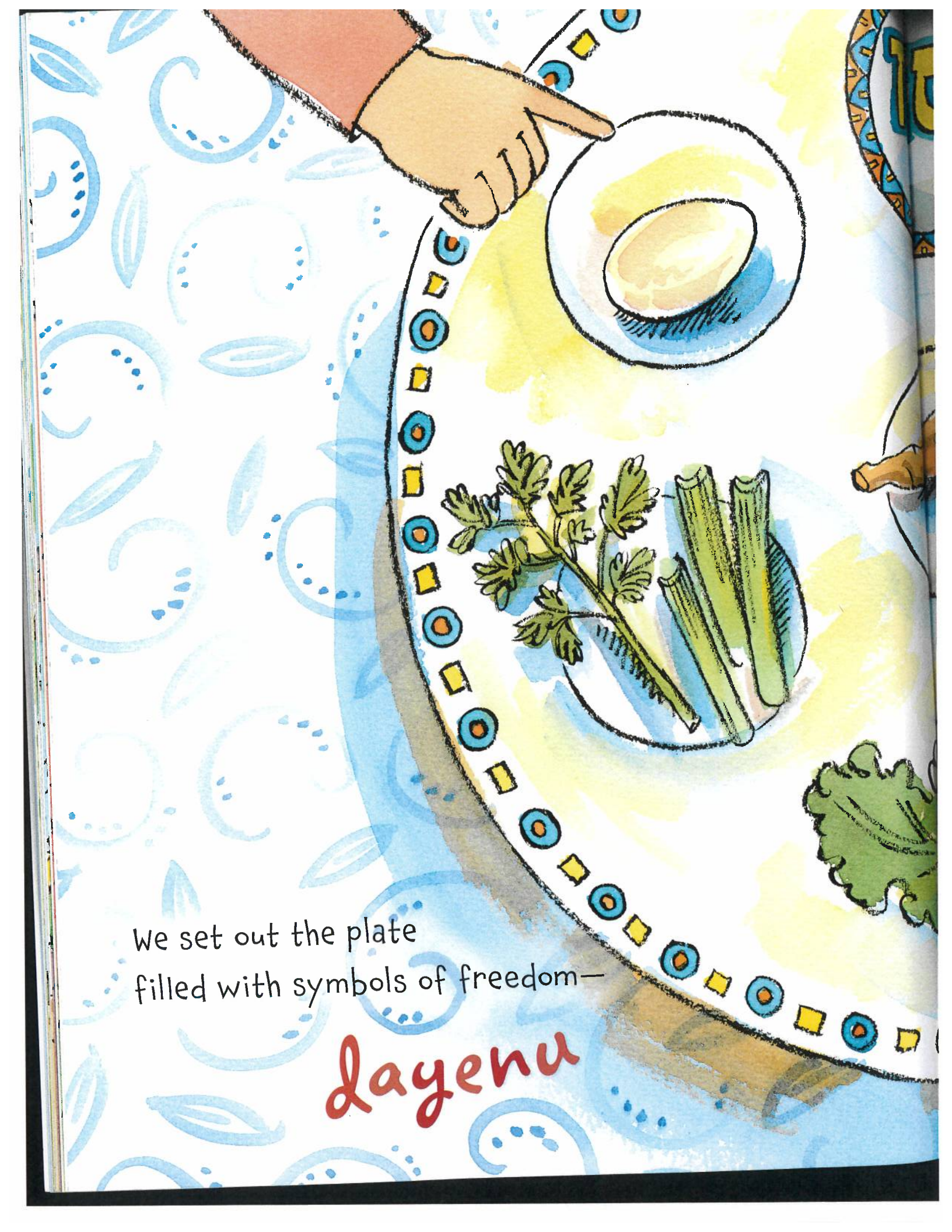
We dash through the puddles  
with our bowl of charoset—



We skip into Nana's  
and show who we've rescued—

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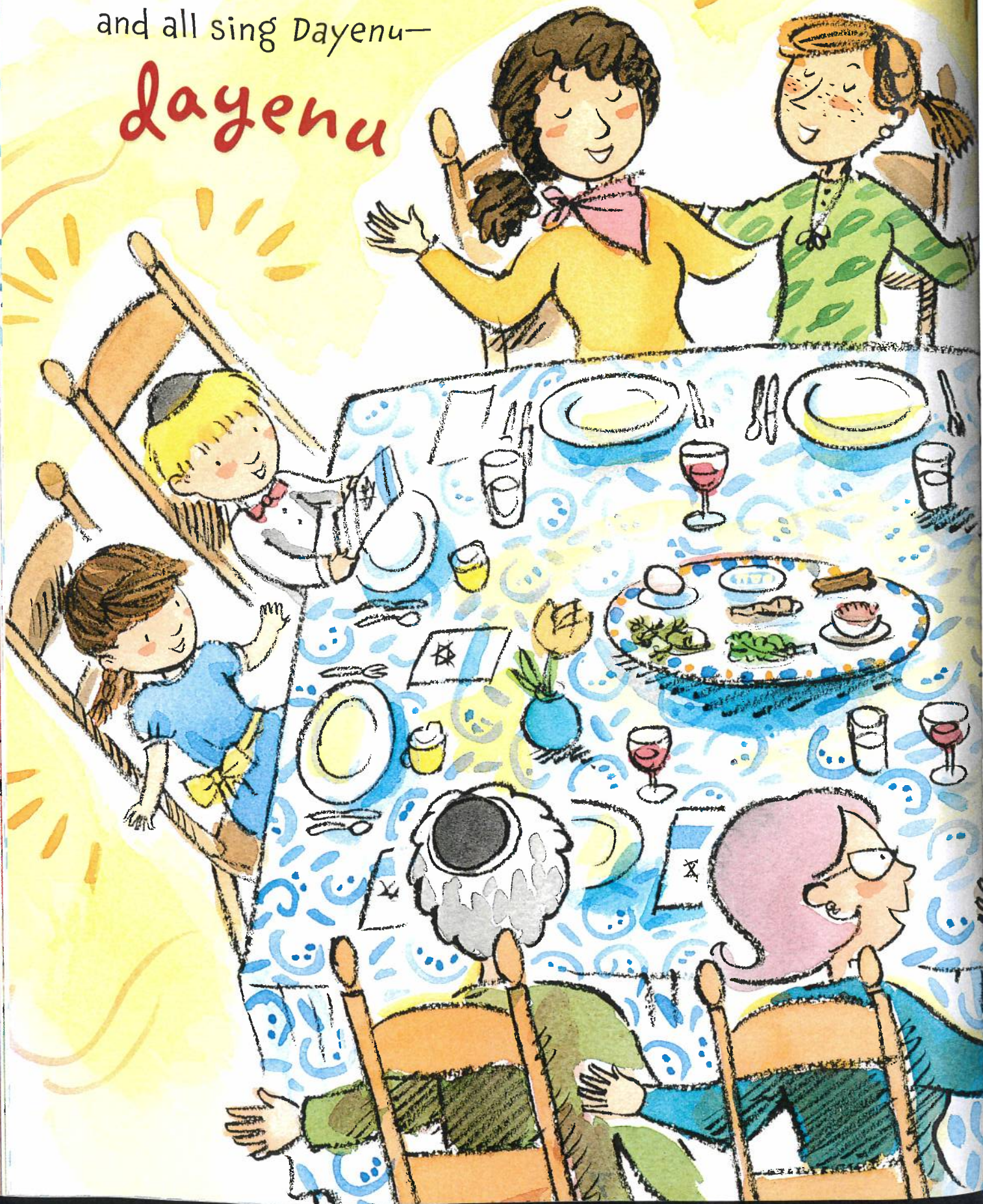
A hand in an orange sleeve holds a white plate with a bowl of yellow soup. Below it, another white plate contains green vegetables like celery and parsley. To the right, a third plate shows green leafy vegetables. The background is decorated with blue and yellow patterns, including circles and squares. The text is written in a simple, black, sans-serif font.

We set out the plate  
filled with symbols of freedom—

*layenu*

We ask the four questions  
and all sing Dayenu—

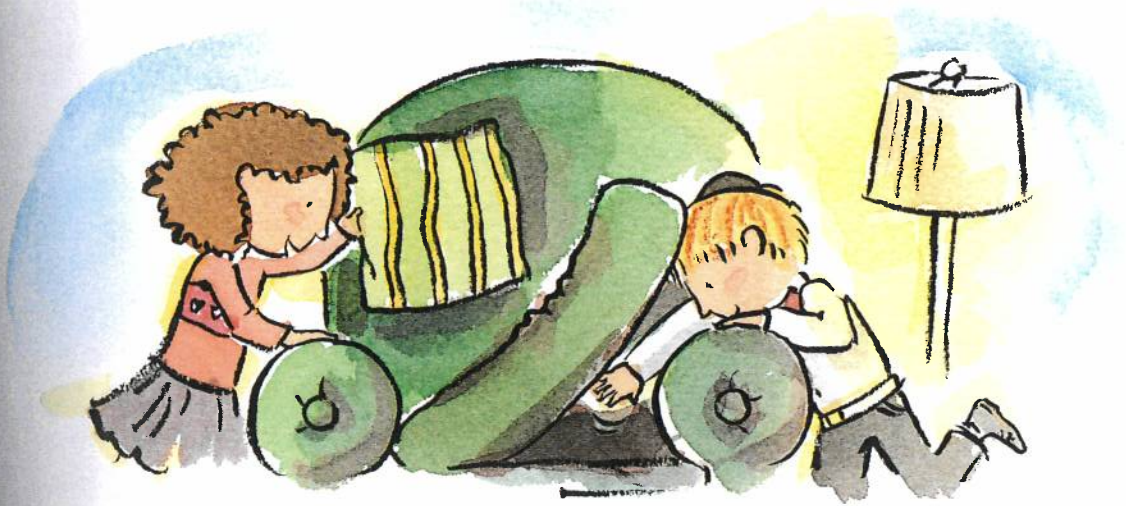
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There are matzoh balls, chicken,  
and jellied fruit slices—

# Dayenu





We search high and low



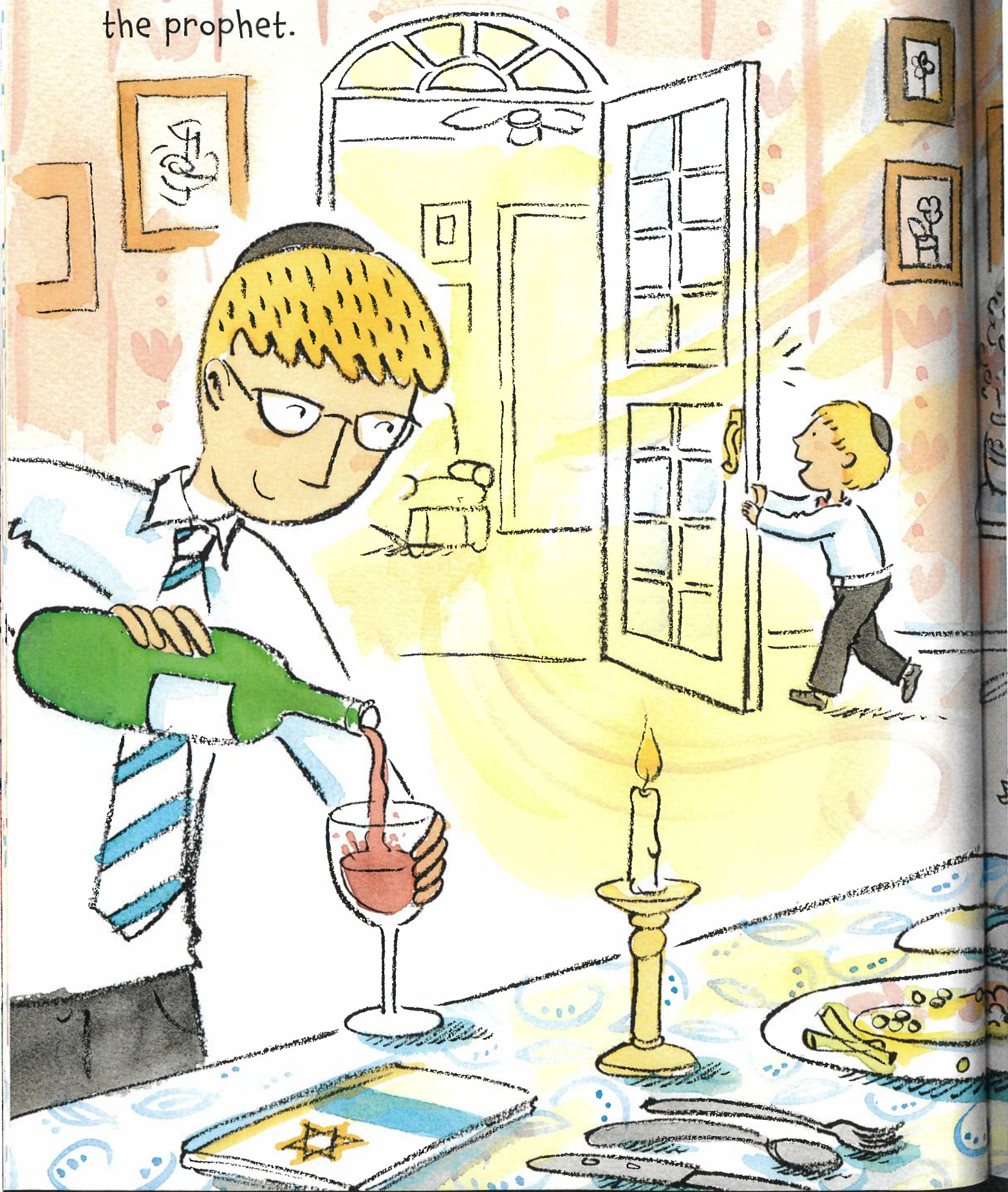
for the lost afikomen—



*layenu*



We open the door for Elijah,  
the prophet.



And baa like a goat  
singing Chad Gadya's verses—

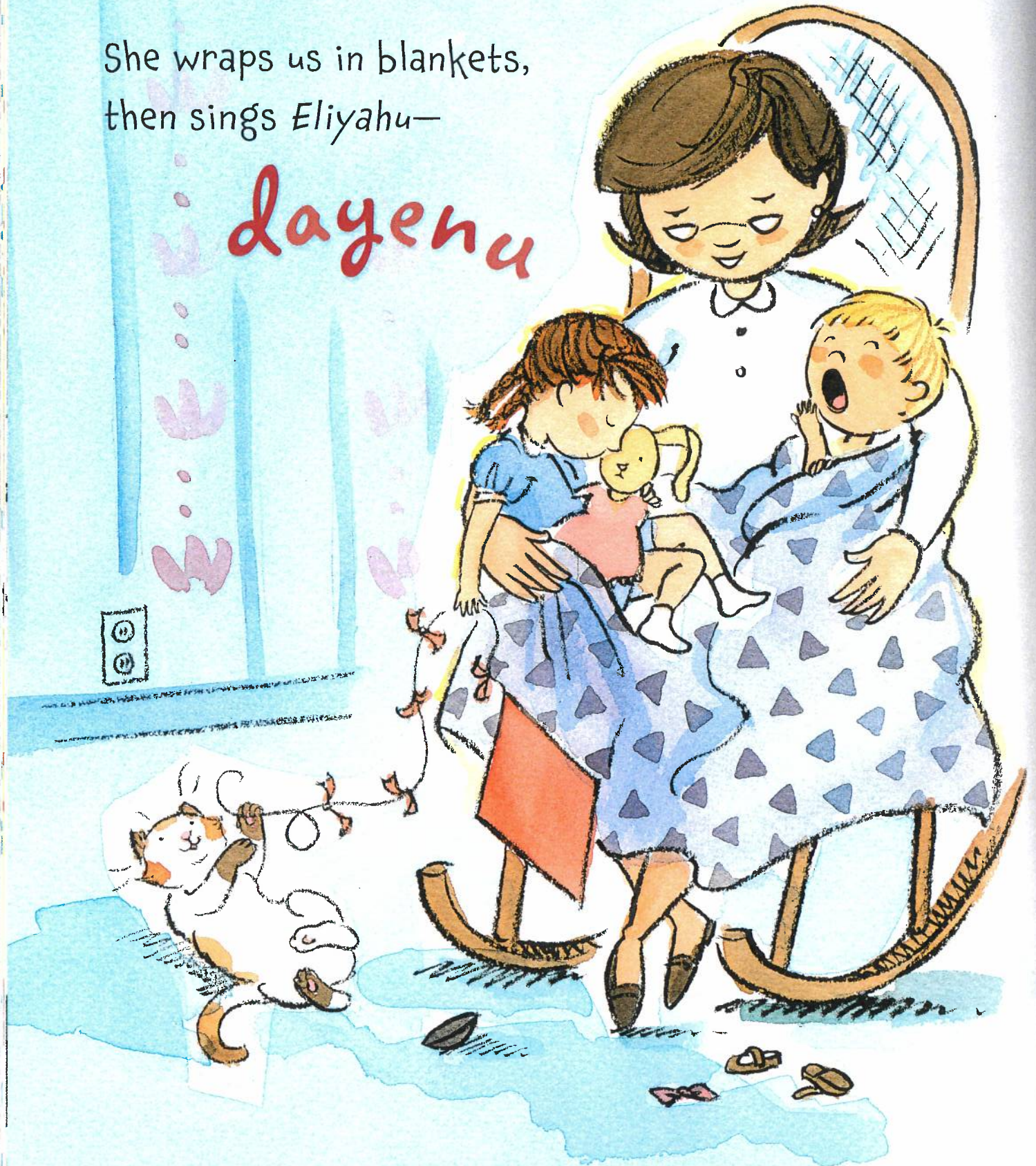
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We play with our kitten  
'til Nana says bedtime.

She wraps us in blankets,  
then sings *Eliyahu*—

*layenu*

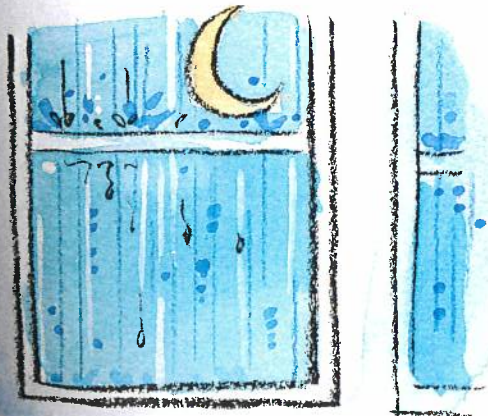


Her kiss on our  
foreheads,



a purring warm  
kitten,

a feast in our  
tummies,



night rain at  
the window,

a Passover sleepover.





**Dayenu:** A joyous Passover song. Dayenu means "it would have been enough." It is a thanksgiving song for all that was given to the Jewish people, proclaiming that any one of the gifts (such as leading them out of slavery, parting the Red Sea, and the giving of the Torah) would have been enough. It is a reminder to be aware of and grateful for the blessings in each moment.

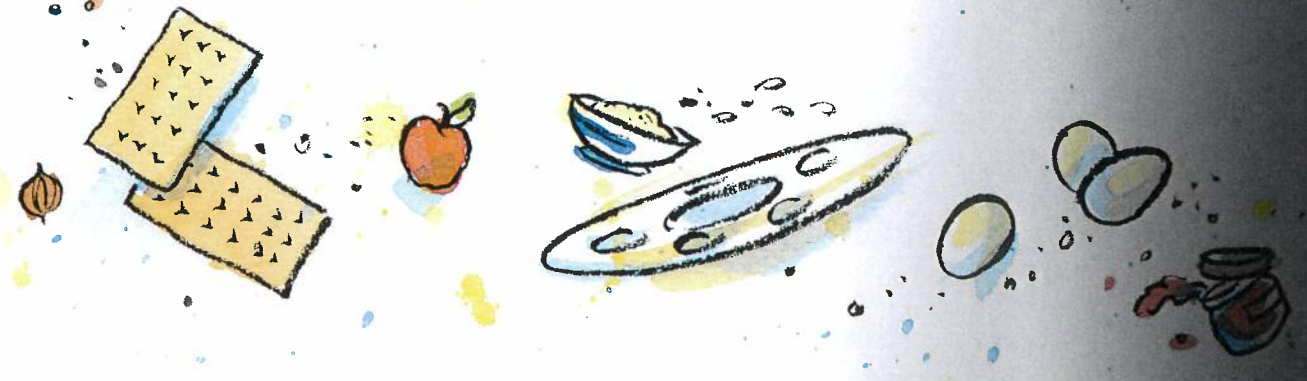
**Afikomen:** A piece of matzoh that is hidden during the seder and without which the seder cannot end; the one who finds it may receive a small reward.

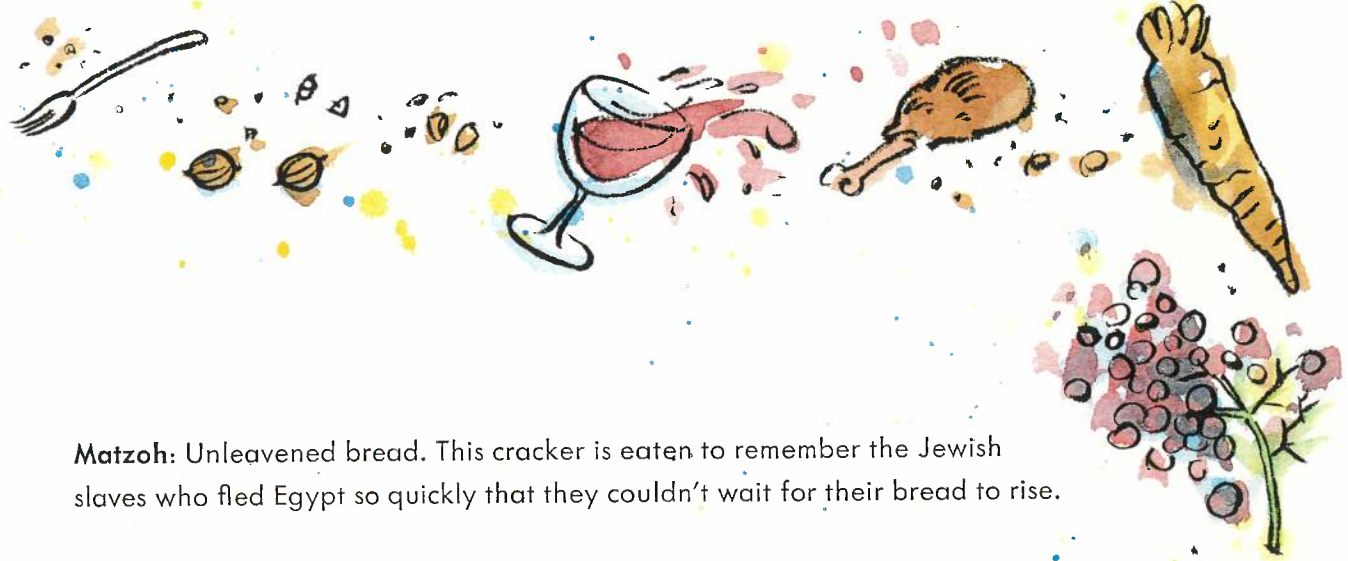
**Chad Gadya:** A playful and symbolic song about a little goat that's sung at the end of the seder, often with sound effects.

**Charoset:** A mixture, often made of apples or dates, nuts, cinnamon, honey, and wine or grape juice, symbolizing the mortar Jewish slaves used when they built structures for the Egyptians.

**Elijah:** A prophet for whom a door is opened during the seder, inviting him to enter. This signifies the hope for Elijah's return to earth, said to usher in an age of peace. The song *Eliyahu Hanavi—Elijah the Prophet*—is a Passover favorite.

**Haggadah** ("the telling" in Hebrew): A small book used at the Passover seder that includes the order of the ritual meal, the story of the Israelites' escape from slavery in Egypt, poetry, and songs.





**Matzoh:** Unleavened bread. This cracker is eaten to remember the Jewish slaves who fled Egypt so quickly that they couldn't wait for their bread to rise.


**Passover** (*Pesach* in Hebrew): A widely observed Jewish holiday that commemorates the Exodus, when Israelites escaped from Egypt and slavery.

**Seder:** The ceremonial meal (seder literally means "order") of Passover, which includes reading the Haggadah and eating symbolic foods.

**Seder plate:** The seder plate contains foods symbolic of the Passover story, among them: *zeroa* (roasted shank bone), *charoset* (often made from chopped nuts, apples, and spices), *chazeret* (lettuce), *karpas* (parsley or potato), *bèitzah* (roasted or hard-boiled egg), and *maror* (horseradish).

### Author's notes:

Passover celebrates the fact that Jews were freed from slavery . . . and I love cats! That's why the family in this book frees the kitten from its cage. I also love charoset on matzoh. But my favorite part of the seder is the *Dayenu* song. We sing, we clap, and even if we don't know all the verses, everyone belts out the chorus. For me, *Dayenu's* message—being grateful for the blessings in each moment—goes beyond Passover. It's a concept I hold in my heart when I'm on a beautiful hike, when I'm biking with my family, when I'm petting my kitty.



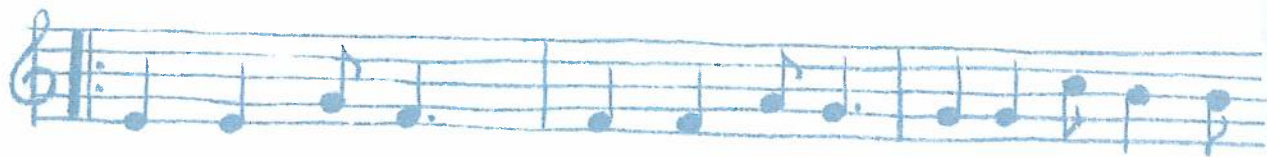
# Dayenu



I - lu ho-tzi ho-tzi-a - nu, ho-tzi-a - nu mi-mitz-ra - yim,



ho - tzi - a - nu mi - mitz - ra - yim da - yei - nu.



(Chorus) Da - da - yei - nu, \_\_\_ da - da - yei - nu, \_\_\_ da - da - yei - nu, da -



yei - nu da - yei - nu da - yei - nu. yei - nu da - yei - nu.