

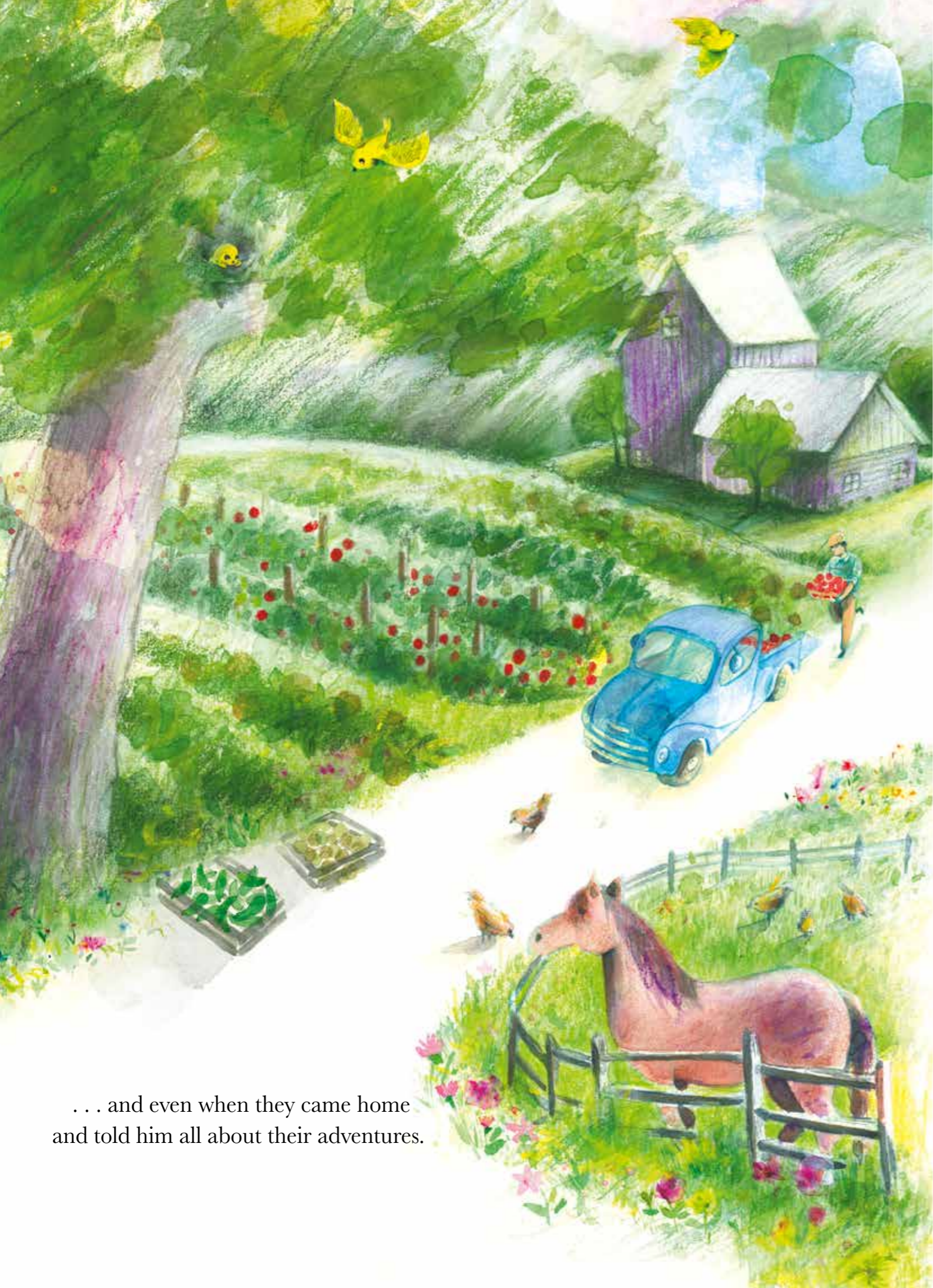
There once was a little bird
who was afraid to fly.

“**Little Bird**,” said his mother.
“If you fly, you can see the world!”

But **Little Bird** said, “I am too small.
My feathers are not fluffy enough.
I cannot do it.”



And **Little Bird** stayed in the nest, even when
his brothers and sisters flew high into the sky . . .



... and even when they came home
and told him all about their adventures.

Little Bird's sister said,
“You can do it! Just flap, flap,
flap your wings! **Fly, Little Bird, fly!**”

But **Little Bird** said,
“The nest is too high.
The ground is so far below,
and I have never ever flown before!”

And **Little Bird** stayed in the nest,
even when it grew very crowded.

