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THE SUN IS A SHINE



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**The sun is a shine
That wakens the day,
Sparkles the dew,
Makes everything new.**



**Miigwetch, merci, golden sun.
Thank you, thank you, shining one.**



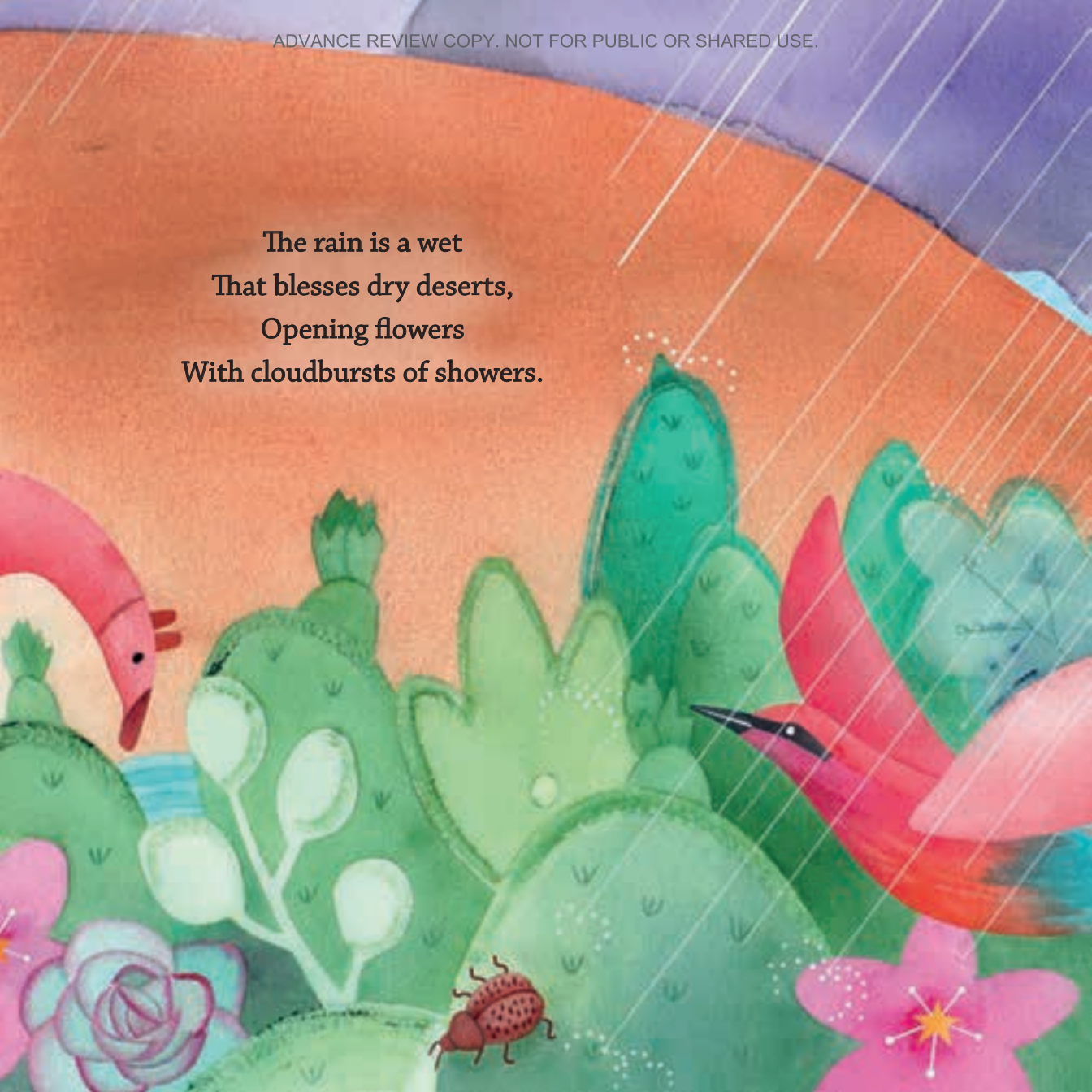


The wind is a whisper
That teases the leaves,
Dances the sea
And sets the kite free.

Shukran, we call to the big blue sky
And wish on the wind as it passes by.



The rain is a wet
That blesses dry deserts,
Opening flowers
With cloudbursts of showers.





Tangi unene, welcome rain.
The thirsty earth can drink again.

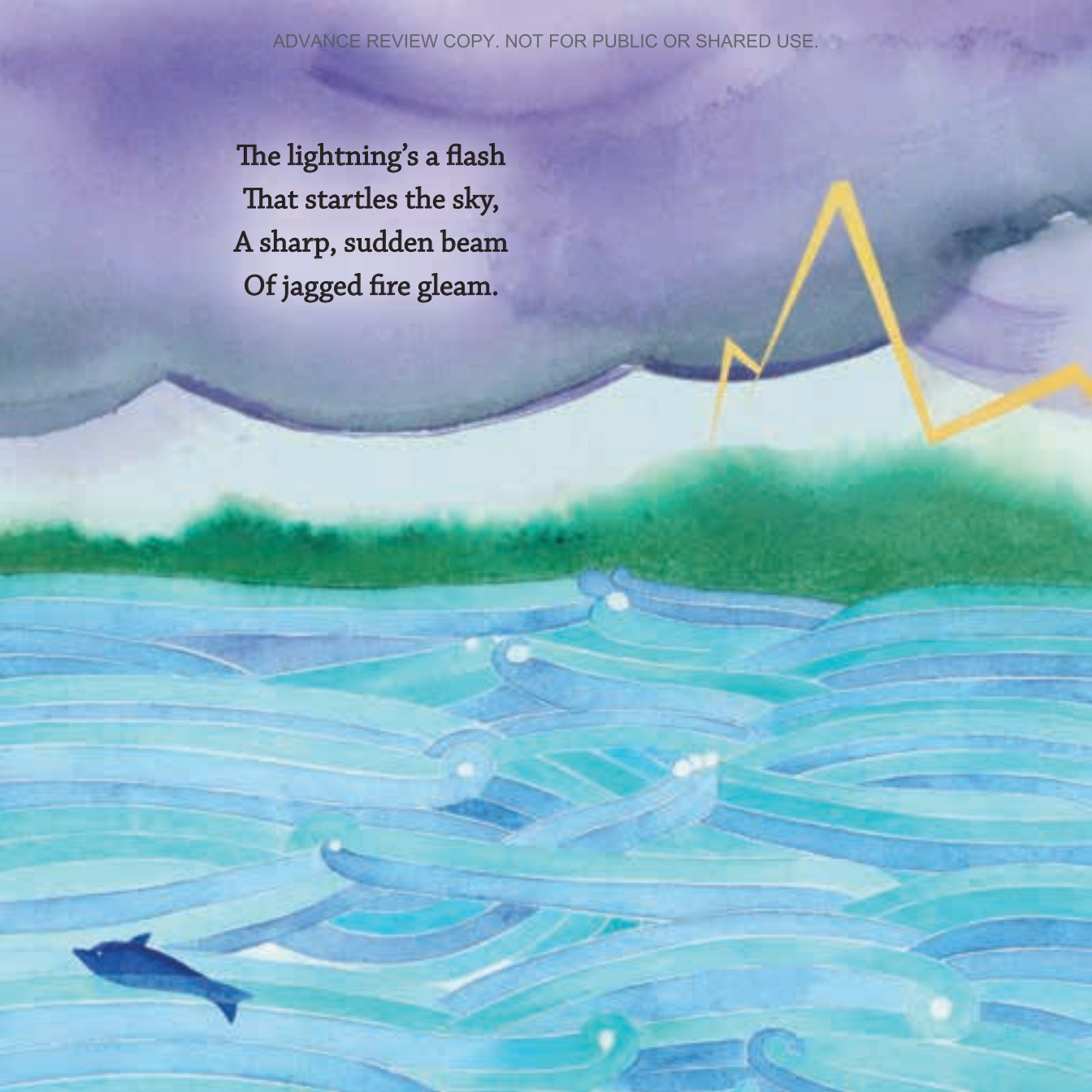


The snow is a soft
That pillows the earth,
Falls gentle and white
And glitters with light.



**Giitu, snow, like sugar sifting,
Magic winter-beauty gifting.**

The lightning's a flash
That startles the sky,
A sharp, sudden beam
Of jagged fire gleam.



Gracias, wild lightning show.
That's enough now—time to go.

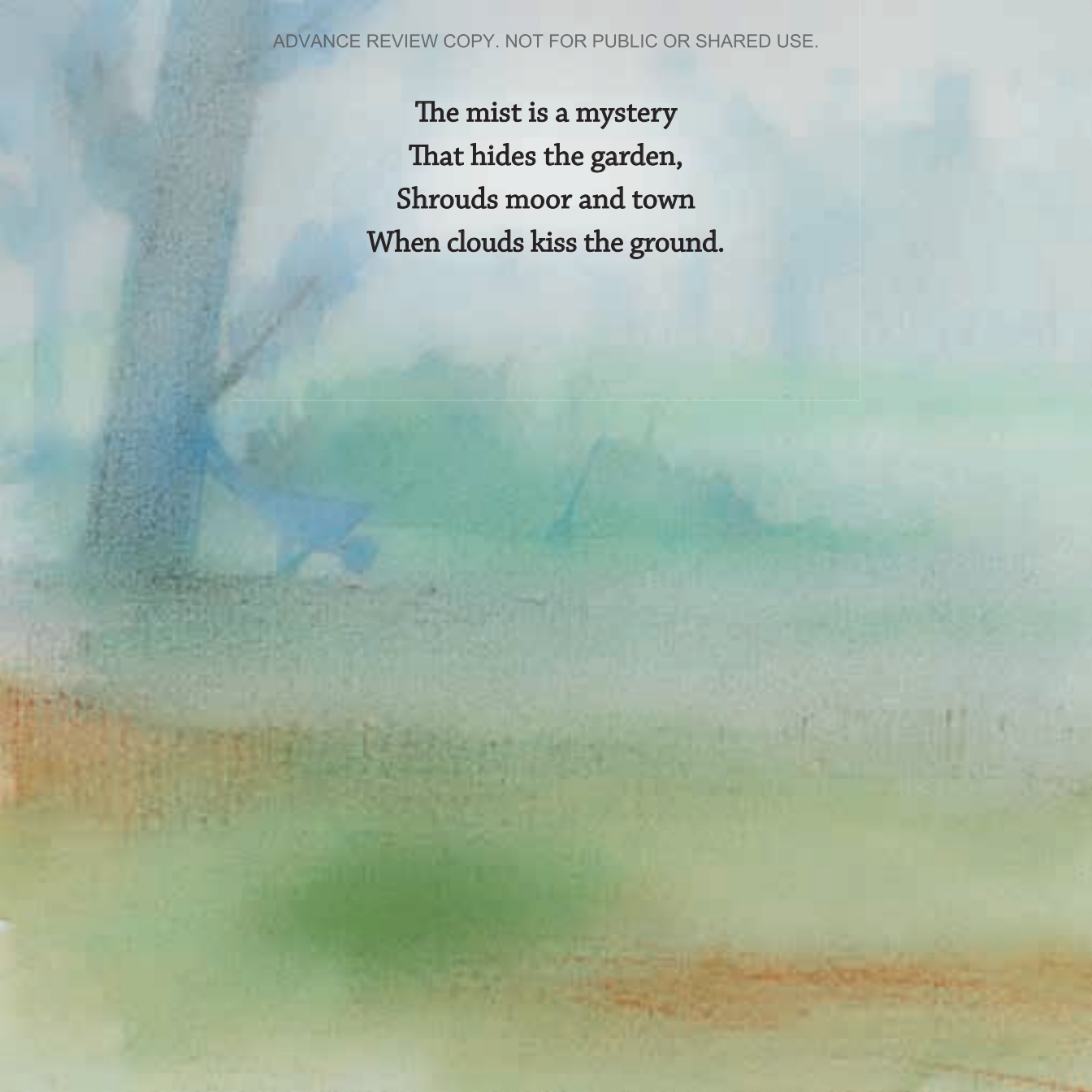




The thunder's a rumble
That rattles the windows,
Growls and crashes,
Booms and bashes.




Dhonnobad, loud thunder thrill.
We cover our ears but hear you still.

The background of the page is a soft, impressionistic painting of a landscape. On the left, a large, dark tree trunk rises from the bottom, its branches reaching upwards. The ground is a mix of green and brown, suggesting grass and earth. In the distance, rolling hills or mountains are visible, shrouded in a thick mist or fog. The overall color palette is muted, with greens, browns, and greys, creating a serene and mysterious atmosphere.

**The mist is a mystery
That hides the garden,
Shrouds moor and town
When clouds kiss the ground.**

Mòran taing, silent creeper,
Shiver maker, secret keeper.



A whimsical illustration of a large, dark tree with thick branches. Several children are sleeping peacefully in the tree's canopy. One child is curled up on a branch in the upper left, another is nestled among leaves in the upper right, and two more are sleeping on lower branches. The leaves are large and dark. The background is a deep purple night sky filled with stars and several glowing, circular moons in various phases. In the bottom left, a large, dark tree trunk rises. In the bottom right, a city skyline is visible with blue buildings and glowing yellow windows. A white rectangular box containing text is positioned in the lower center of the image.

The moon is a glow
That cradles the stars,
Grows rounder each night
From a sliver of bright.



Xiè xiè, moon glow, silver stream.
Touch us gently as we dream.

Sun and wind, rain and snow,
Lightning, thunder, these we know.

Mist below, moon above,
Earth and sky, these we love.
Children of one mother sing,
Thank you for your everything.





Miigwetch is an Ojibwe word that means “thank you.” Ojibwe is a North American Indigenous language.

Merci means “thank you” in French, one of Canada’s two official languages.

Shukran is Arabic for “thank you.” Arabic is spoken by many people in many countries in the world.

Tangi unene means “thank you very much” in Oshiwambo, a language spoken in Namibia and Angola.

Giitu is the Saami word for “thank you.” You can hear people speaking Saami in the northern parts of Scandinavia.





Gracias is Spanish for “thank you.” Many Spanish speakers live in the Americas and Europe.

Dhonnobad is the Bengali word for “thank you.” Bengali is the official language of Bangladesh.

Mòran taing is Scottish Gaelic for “many thanks.” Gaelic is a very old language, still spoken by some people in Scotland.

Xiè xiè means “thank you” in Mandarin Chinese. Many people in China and other parts of the world speak Mandarin.

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