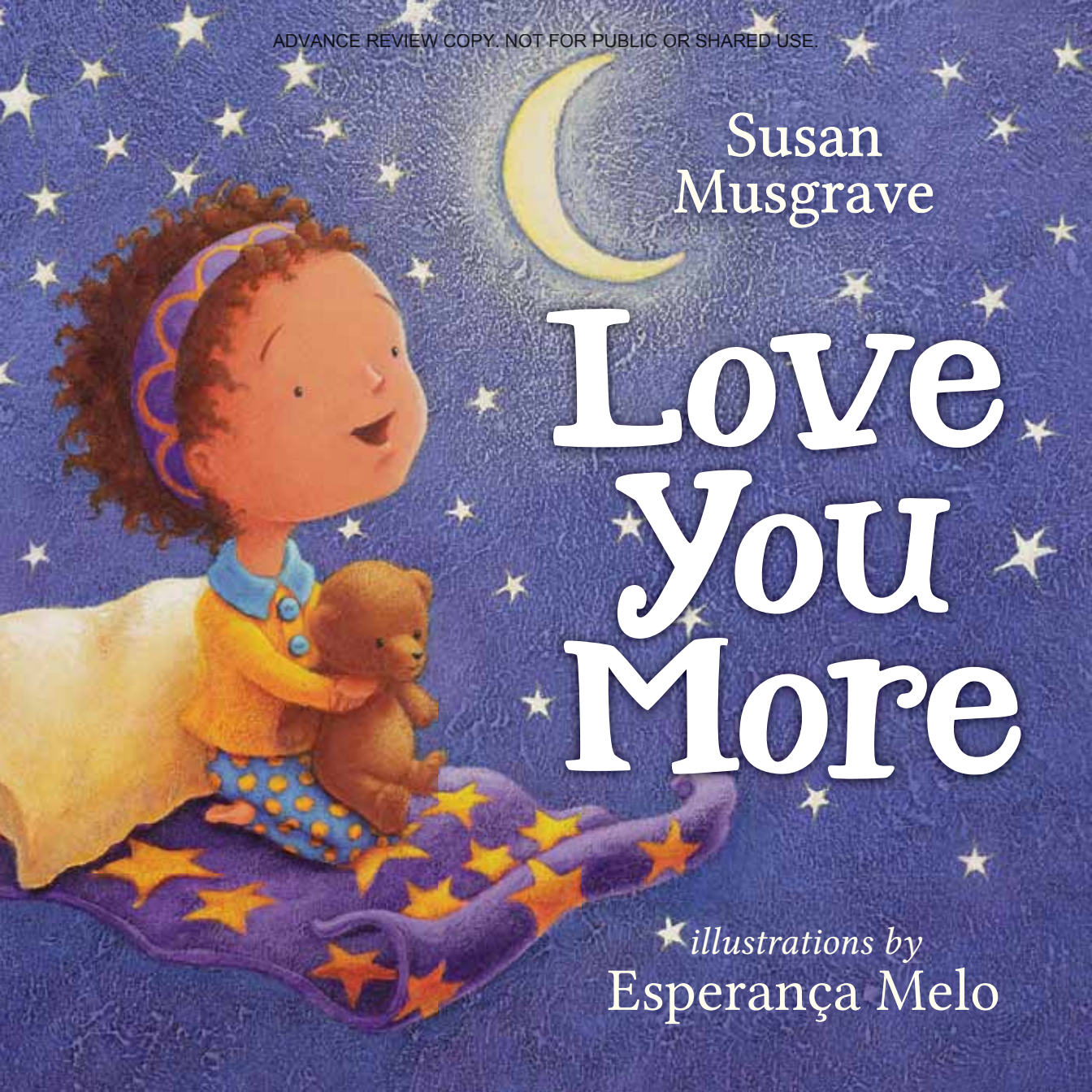


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For Beatrice and Lucca, again. —SM

To Alan and Linda Slavin, whose generosity and love is inspirational. —EM

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I love you more than the stars so high
Winking and dancing in the January sky.



I love you more than the snowdrops in the park
Lighting our way through the February dark.





I love you more than the gentle chickadees
Flitting from our feeder on the crisp March breeze.





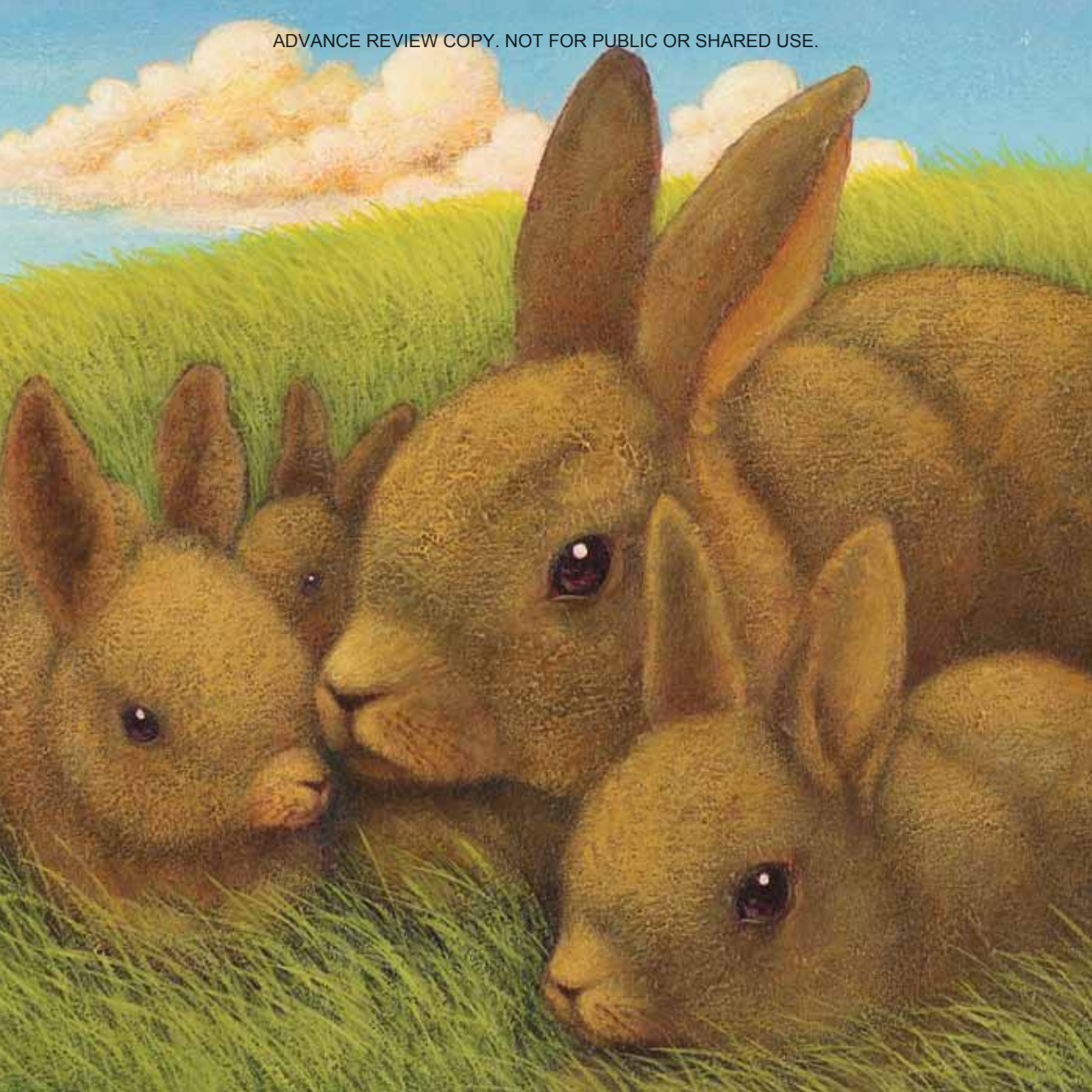


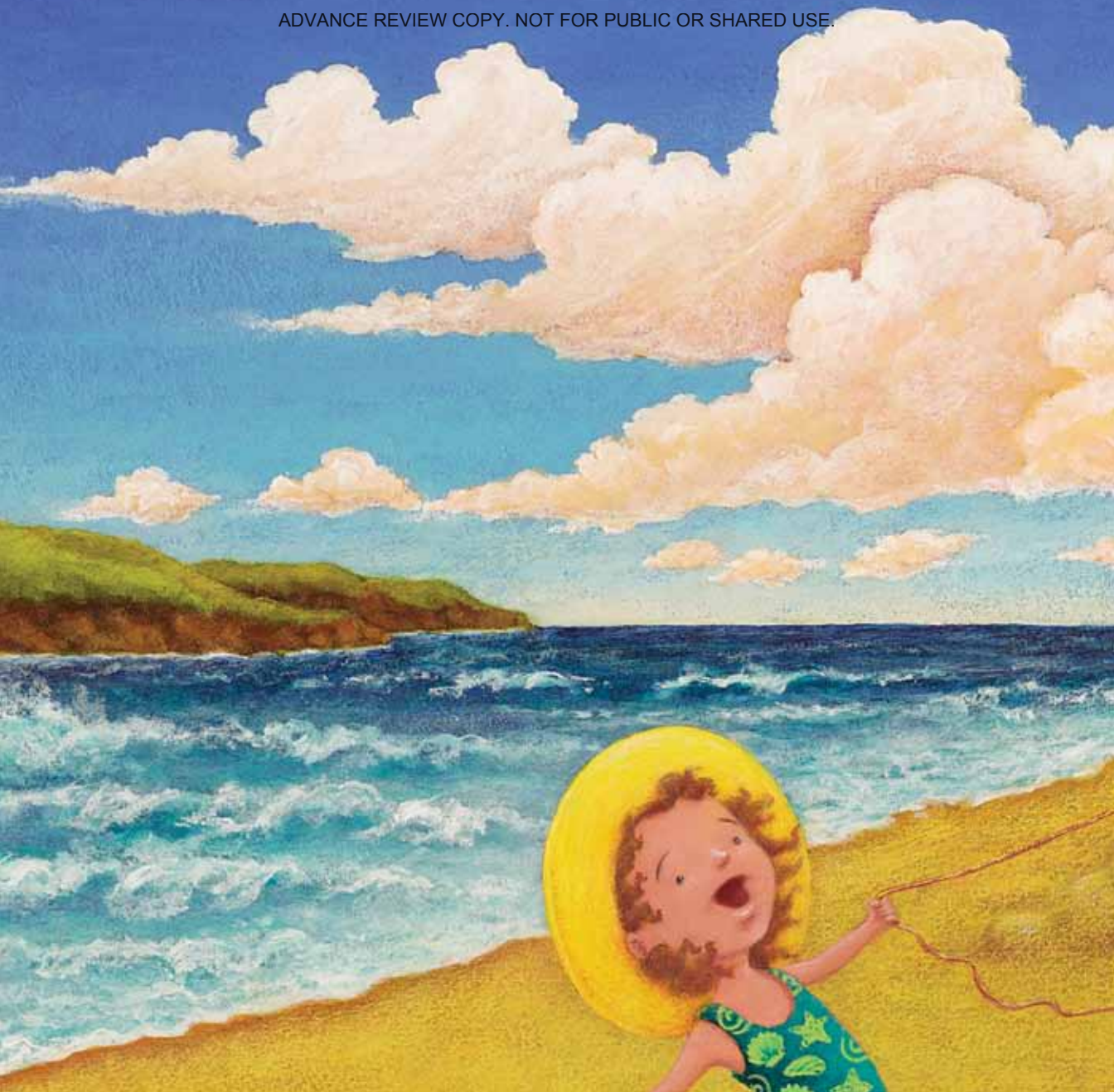
I love you more than the cool April showers
Tickling the petals of the sweet May flowers.

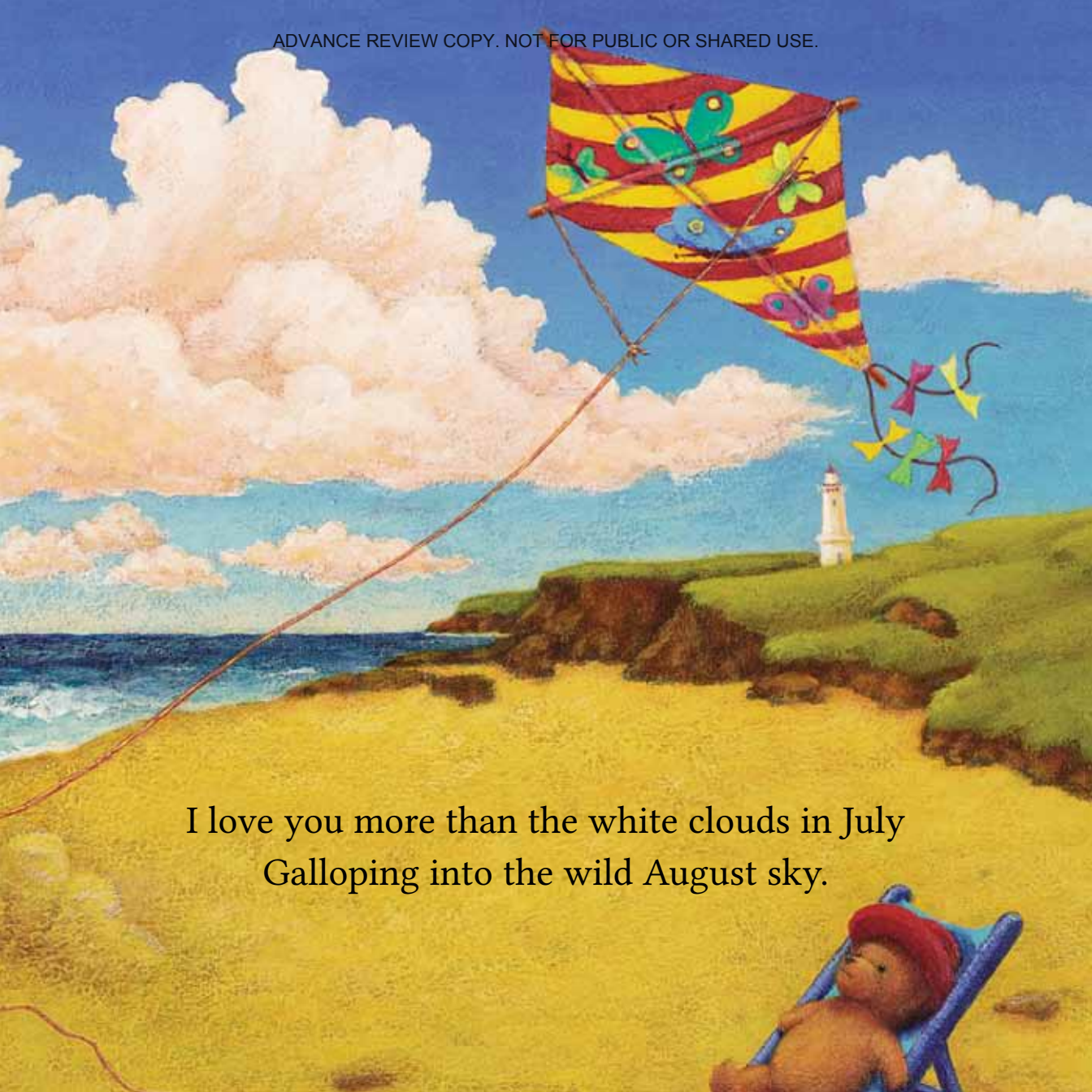


I love you more than the animals being born
In the tall blowing grasses of a warm June morn.

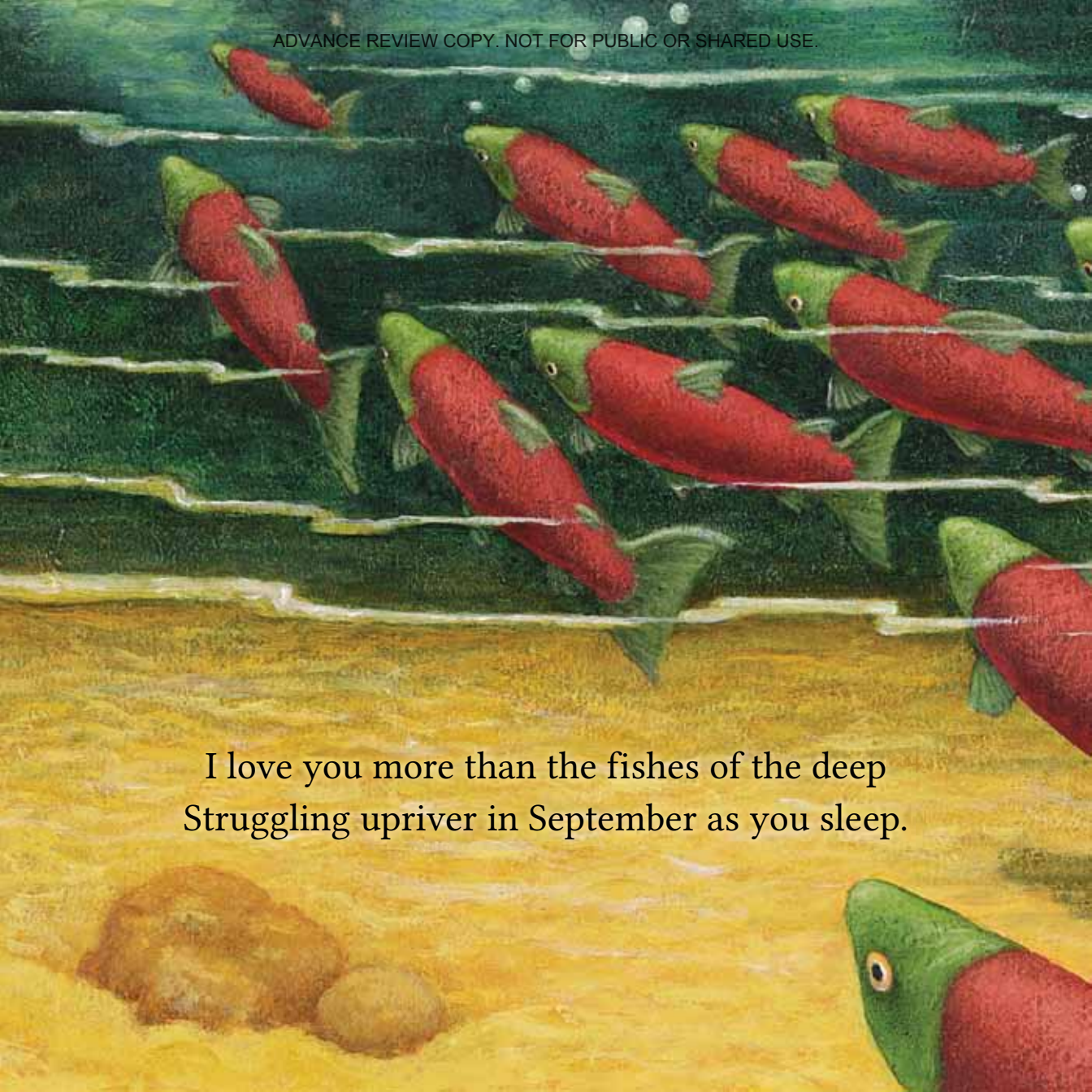






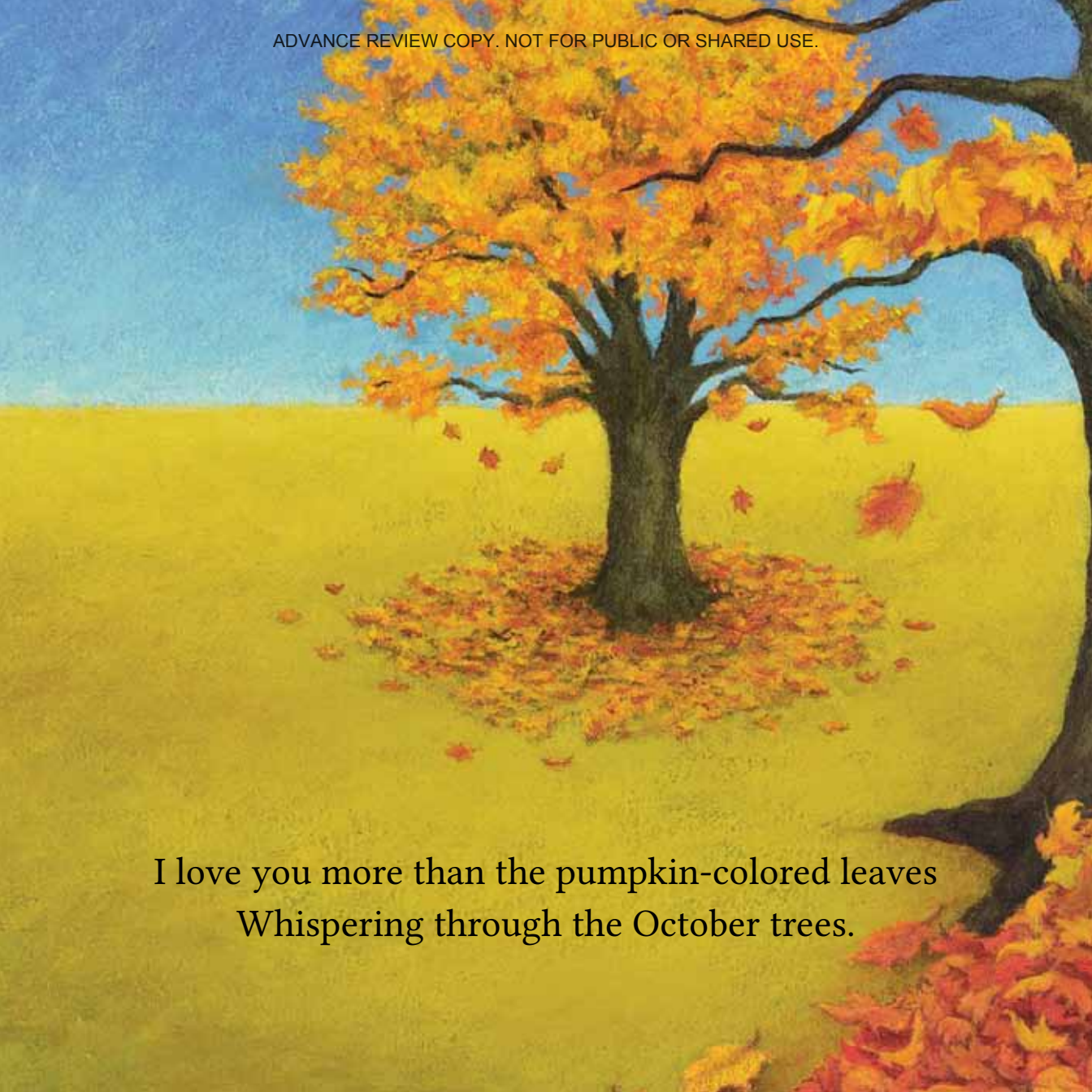


I love you more than the white clouds in July
Galloping into the wild August sky.



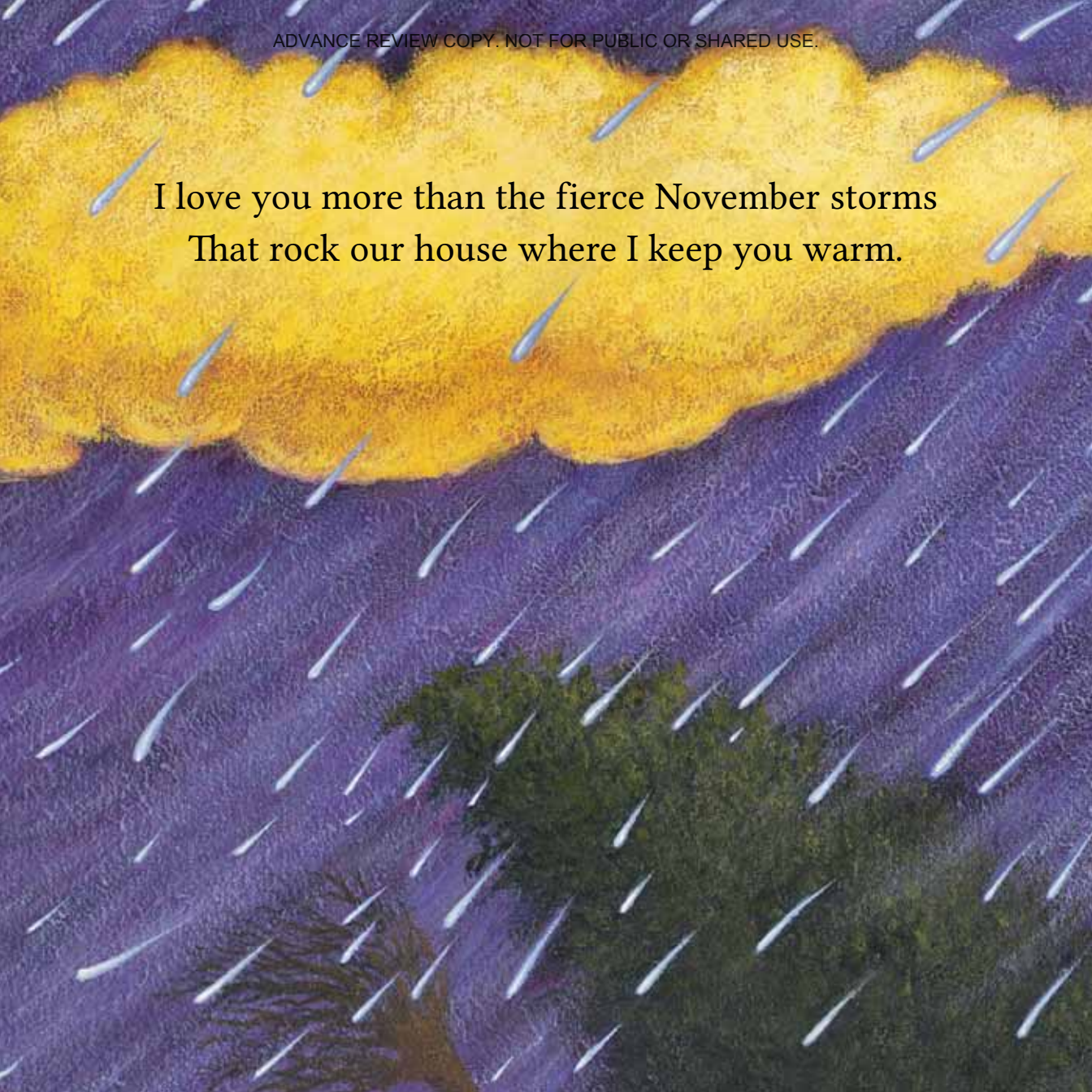
I love you more than the fishes of the deep
Struggling upriver in September as you sleep.





I love you more than the pumpkin-colored leaves
Whispering through the October trees.



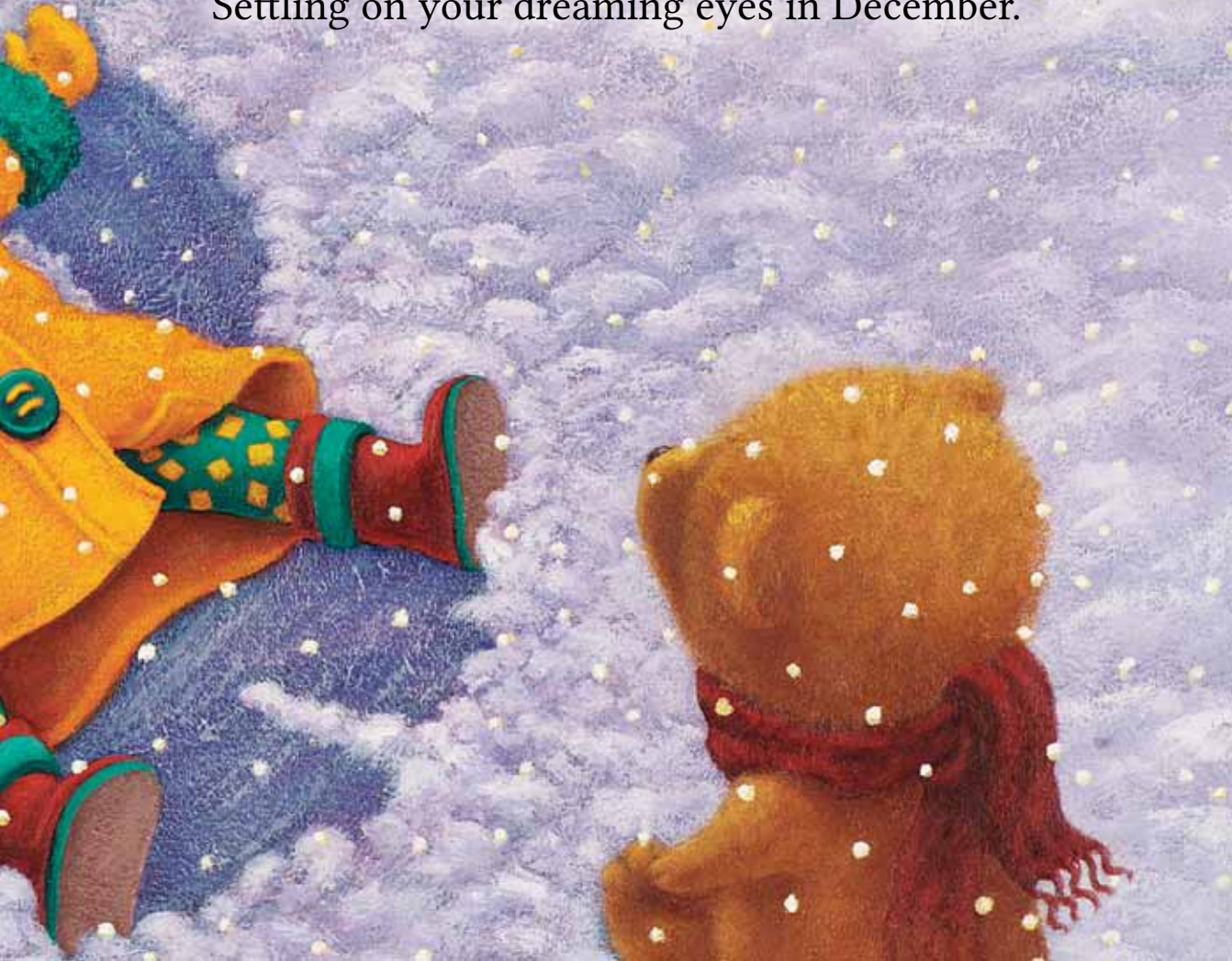
A painting of a storm. A large, bright yellow cloud is at the top, with numerous white rain streaks falling from it. The background is a deep purple. In the lower center, there is a dark green, leafy tree. The overall style is painterly and expressive.

I love you more than the fierce November storms
That rock our house where I keep you warm.





I love you more than each snowflake I remember
Settling on your dreaming eyes in December.





I love you, my darling, you're the one I adore.
I'll love you forever, then I'll love you more.

