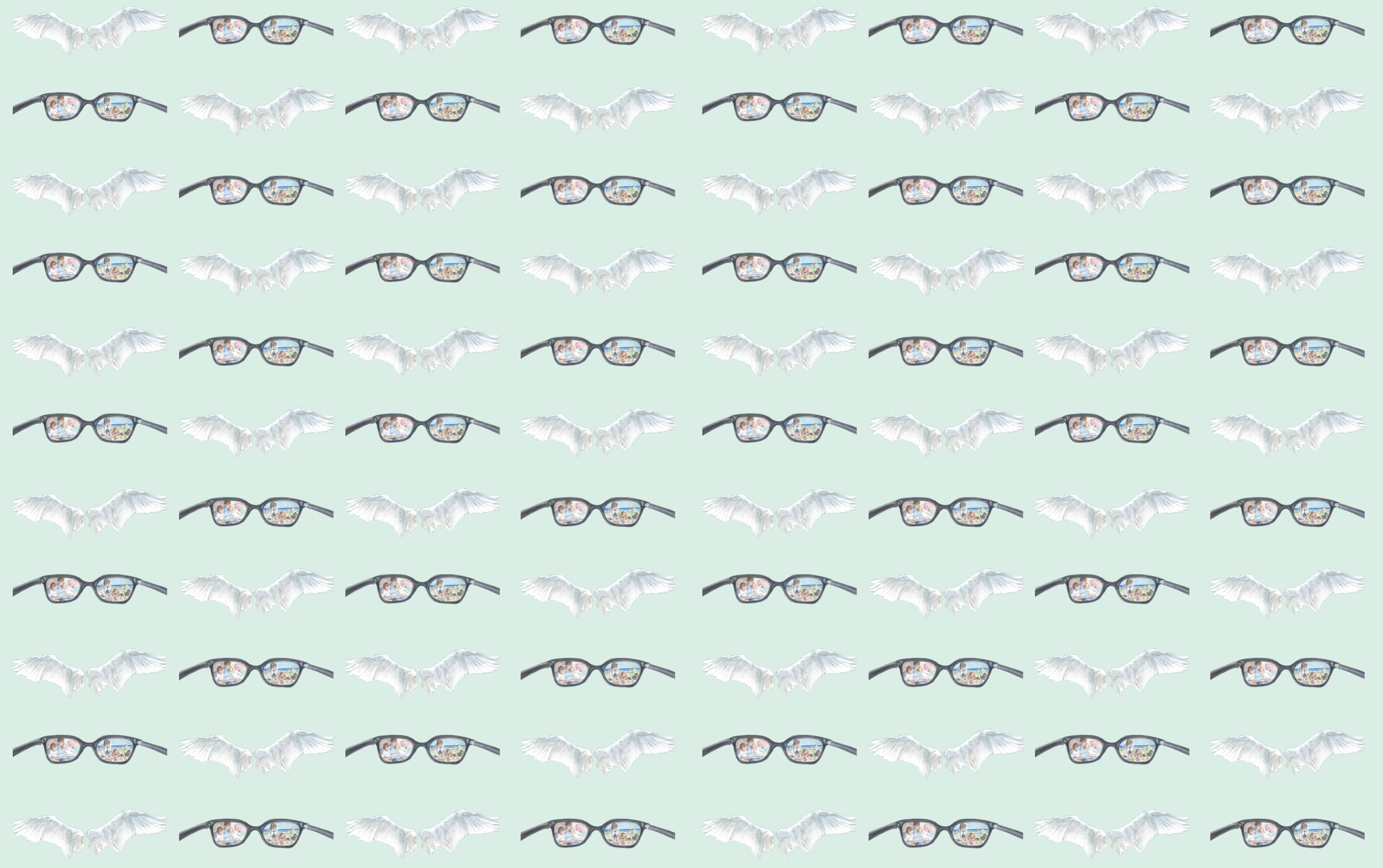


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Lily's grandpa is an angel.  
So does Lily say.  
He left his cord trousers  
And woolly jumper behind.  
Now he's dressed  
In gold and white.

His robe is all shiny,  
Lily says.  
And he has a halo,  
No doubt.



He still wears glasses, though.  
He needs them to see:  
To see Lily and her family  
And Lily's cousins and granny.

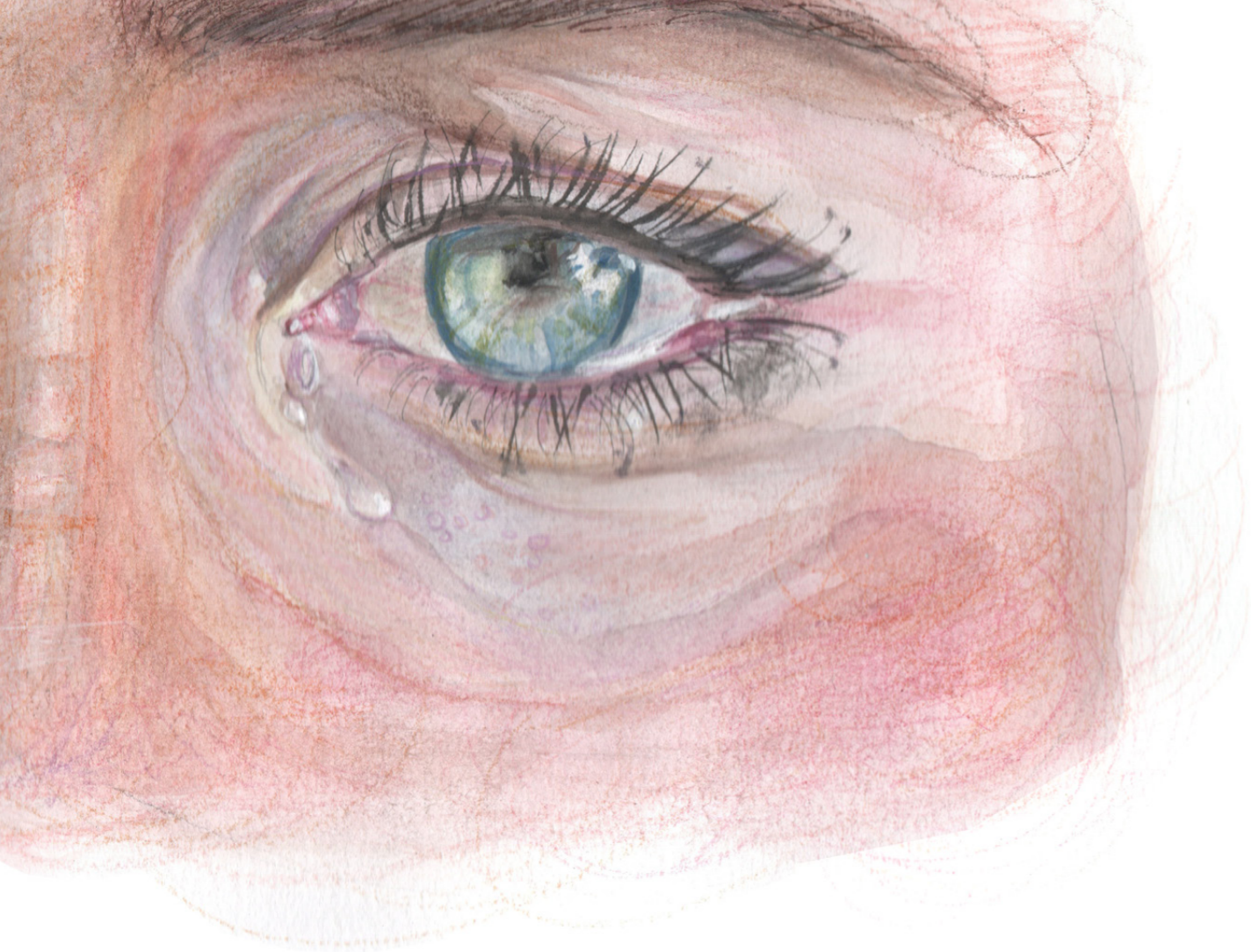


Up in the clouds, where he now lives  
He eats fluffy, sweet things, Lily affirms.

ALL-DAY-LONG..!

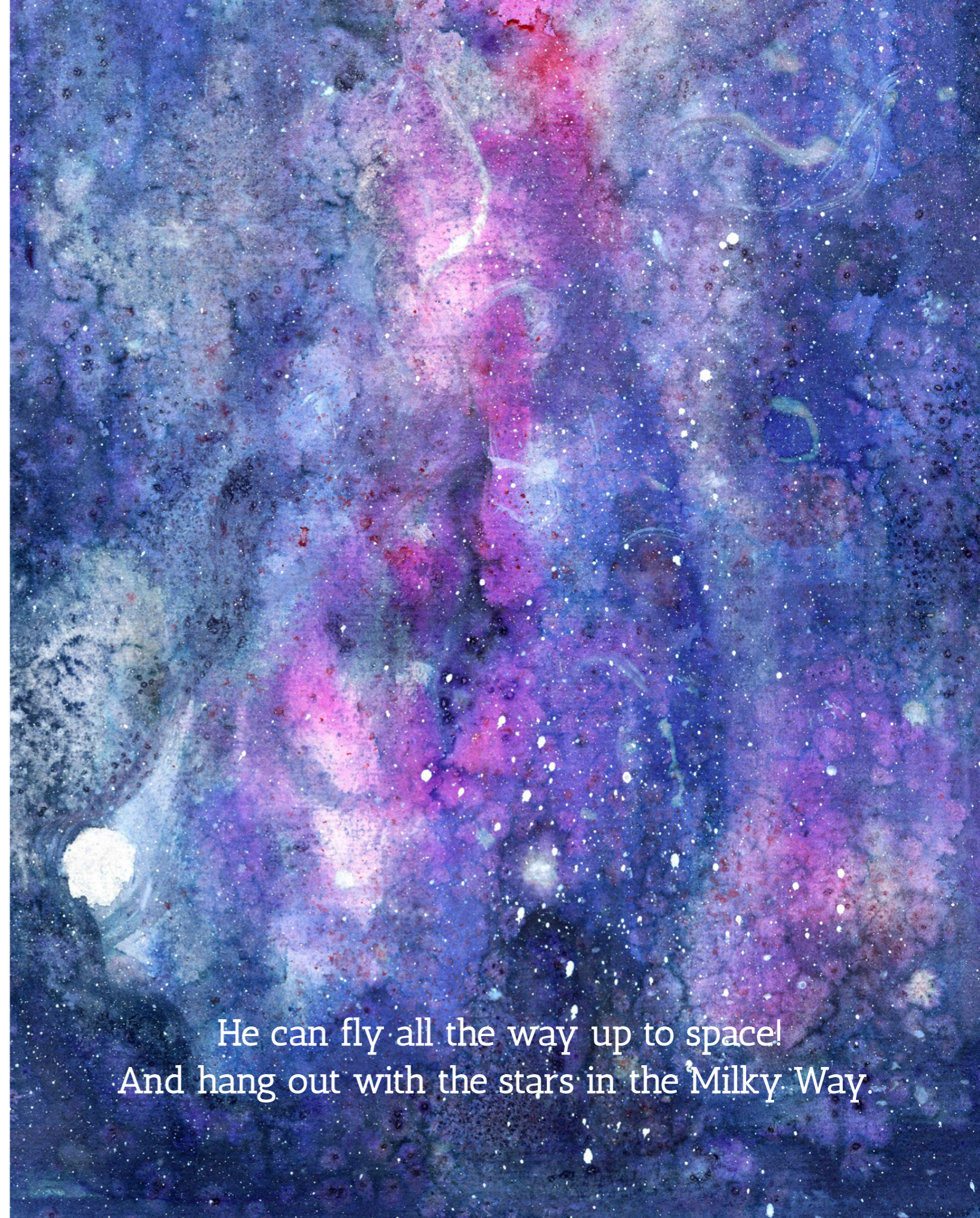
Up there he's allowed.  
He wasn't when he was down.  
"No ice-cream for dessert! Doctor's orders",  
They all said.





Lily's mammy cries all day  
And whispers "I hate covid" with such pain and rage.  
Lily understands... most of the time.  
"I just miss him so much", Lily's mammy laments.

But then other days, Lily doesn't comprehend.  
She exclaims: Mammy, can't you see?  
He can have as much dessert as he wants!  
He can still hear us, and his bed is super soft!



He can fly all the way up to space!  
And hang out with the stars in the Milky Way.

Mammy, don't cry.  
Talk to him if you want.  
He can hear you.  
There are doctors up there,  
And he got his hearing fixed,  
Isn't that great?



Lily's mammy wants to know  
What he's doing right now.  
Lily's not sure.  
He's in Angel School, I believe.  
Learning how to fly.

How to be an angel  
And protect us from up high.  
Lily's mammy wipes her tears.  
She wants to know more, it appears.





I don't know everything, mammy.  
That's just what I imagine  
and what I think.

Tell me more, mammy insists.  
So Lily does.



He's with his mother and father, so he is.  
And making new friends.  
Definitely studying a lot!  
And during his breaks  
He comes out to check on us.

Lily's mammy is smiling now.  
If he's as applied as he was in Earth School  
He'll be a top pupil in Angel School for sure!  
When she says this, she laughs.

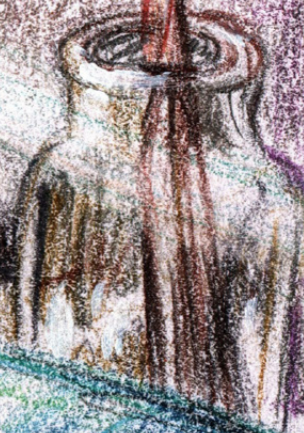


Lily feels her heart expand.  
That evening she draws  
The most beautiful winged angel  
With a golden halo and glasses to match

Wearing a wonderful white robe,  
All nice and loose  
Which goes right down  
To his laced leather shoes.



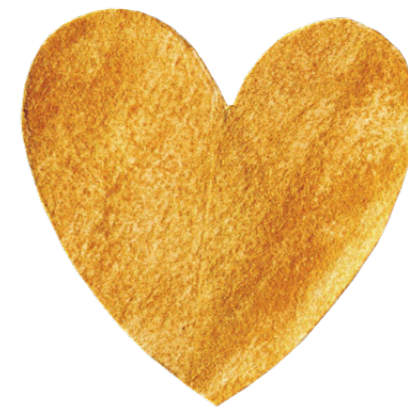
A most treasured gift,  
Lily's mammy hangs it by her bedside.  
Looking at it makes her spirits lift.

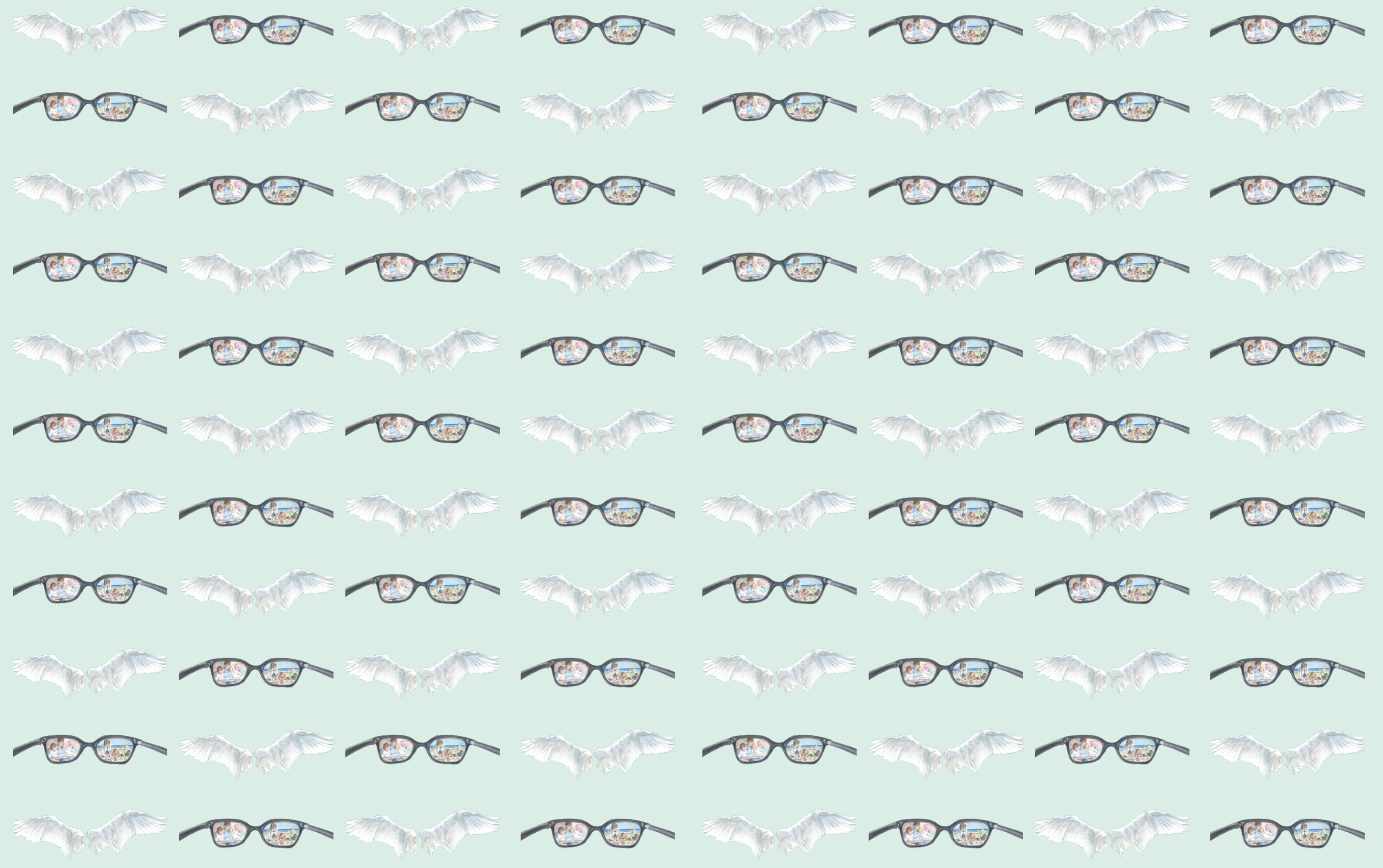




She gives Lily the biggest hug.  
Thank you, sweetie. Thanks you SO MUCH.

The End  
(or hopefully not)





## A story about grief, love and hope

Lily's grandpa has died and her mum is heartbroken. Lily, 6, believes her grandpa is an angel.

Angels have superpowers and a lot of fun, and they are always with us. Lily shares her fantasy world to help her mother feel better.

A story for both adults and children to offer some comfort on their grief journey.

