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# Rain



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The day is hot.







The sun shines bright

The flowers wilt.

The grass goes limp.





Even the birds are still.



And then a gray cloud  
covers the sun.

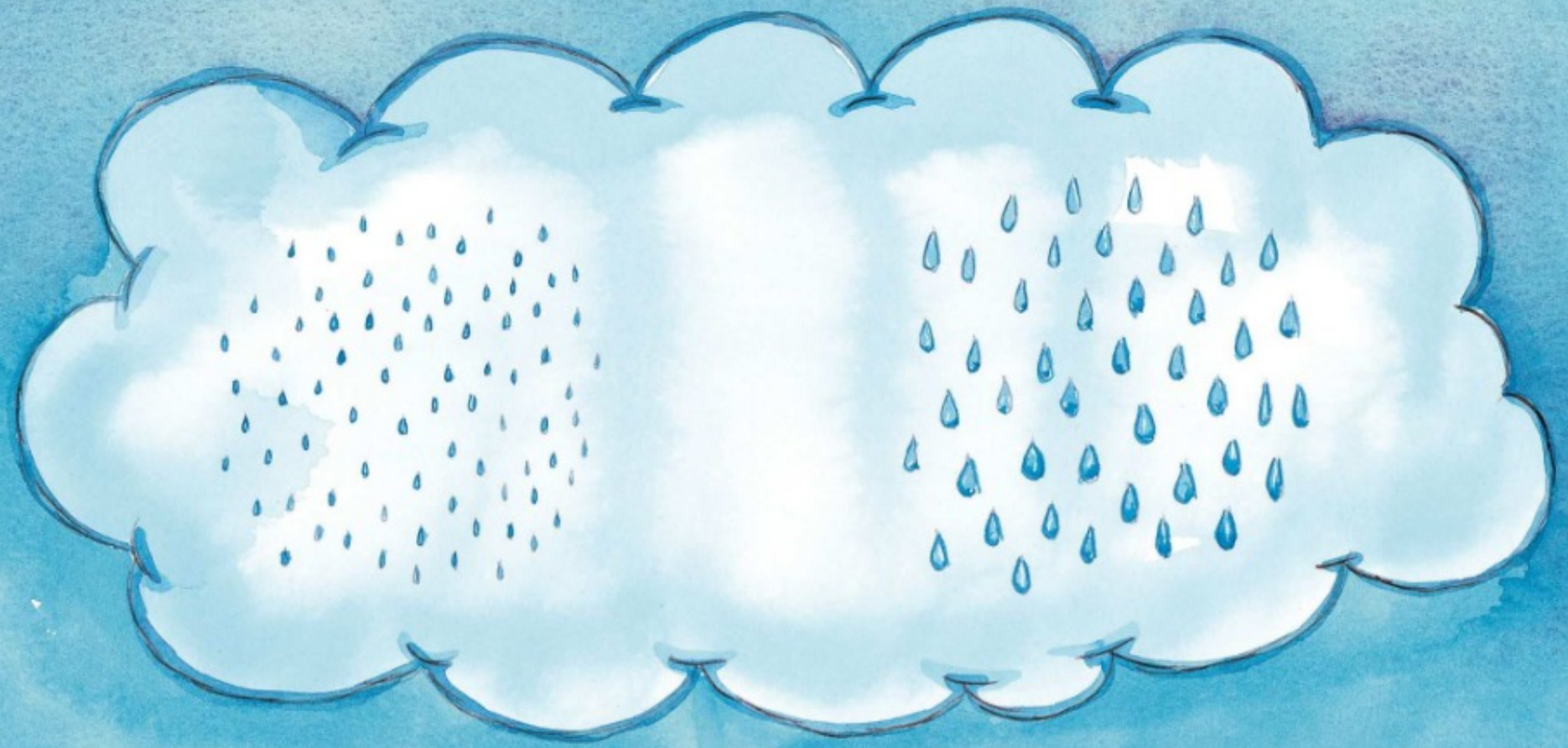


Even the birds are still.



And then a gray cloud  
covers the sun.





The cloud is made of tiny  
drops of water.

The drops grow larger  
and larger.





They grow so heavy  
that they fall.

They bump into one another.





Rain!





The flowers drink.  
The grass drinks.





The birds drink.

The world is fresh and clean.





The sun comes out again,  
bright and hot.

It shines and  
shines and shines  
until . . .





Into the air.

where did the puddle go?





Into the sky.

Into that cloud up there!







And then the tiny drops  
of water gather into  
clouds again.

The drops grow heavier and  
heavier until . . .





rain falls once more.







And the whole world smiles!



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# Facts about rain:

-  It takes millions of cloud droplets to form one raindrop.
-  The first drops of rain that fall are apt to be larger than later ones, because the heaviest drops fall first.
-  Raindrops are different shapes and sizes. Small ones are round like balls. Bigger ones flatten on the bottom as they fall, so their sides bulge out.
-  Even in summer, many raindrops start out as ice crystals, because the air very high in the sky is cold. If the weather on the ground is warm, the ice turns into water as it falls.
-  Scientists can make a cloud rain by dropping chemicals such as dry ice into them. The ice crystals encourage other crystals to begin to join together. When enough gather together, they fall as rain.
-  The water we have on the Earth is all we will ever have. We must use the same water again and again and again, first as water, then as rain or snow, then as water again. That is why it is so important that we keep our lakes and rivers and oceans clean.