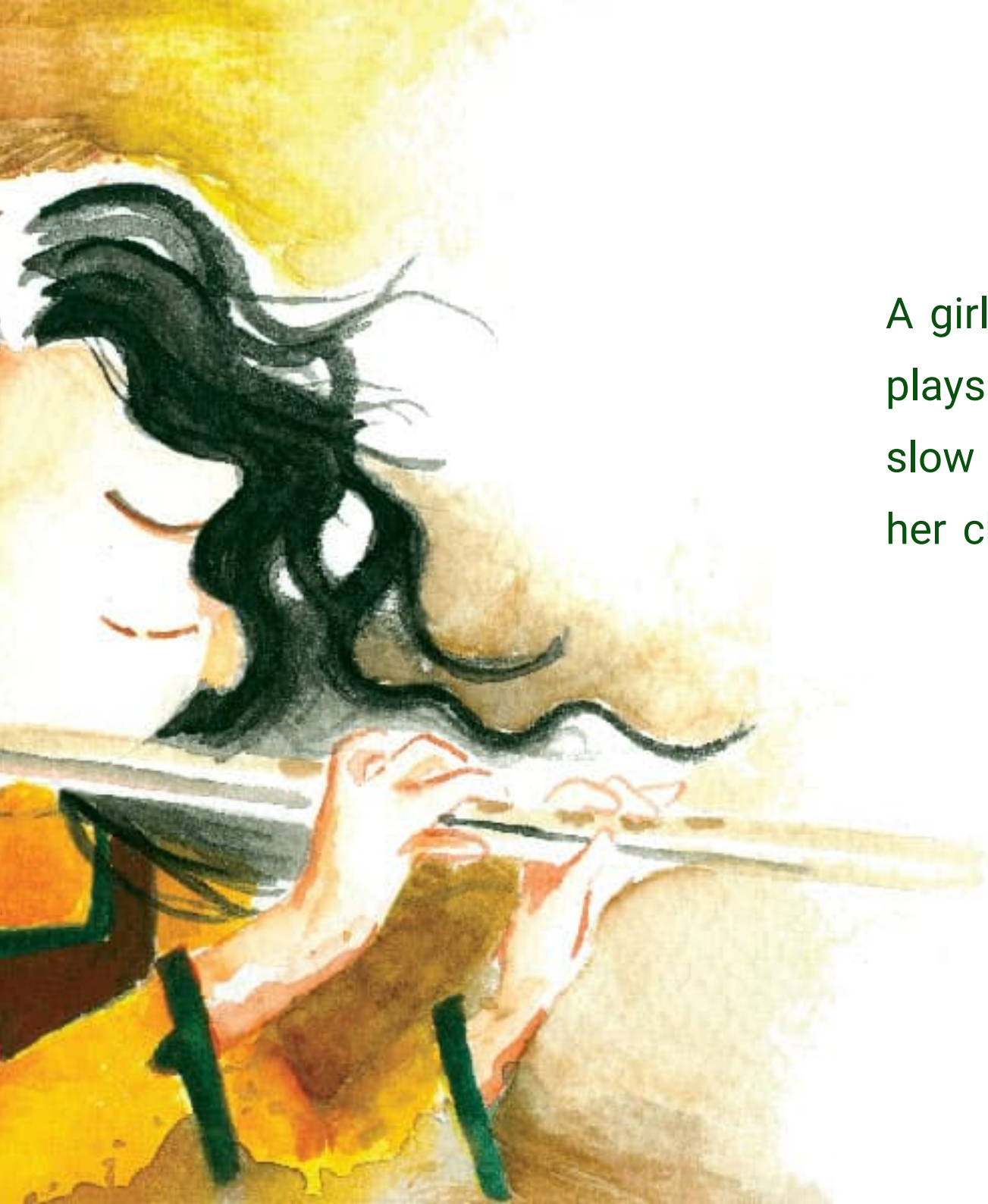


♫ Sad ♫ Tune



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A girl sits in her window and
plays her flute. The tune is so
slow and sad. Tears drip down
her cheeks.

The breeze carries the tune away.

It floats with the leaves and swirls on
the wind.

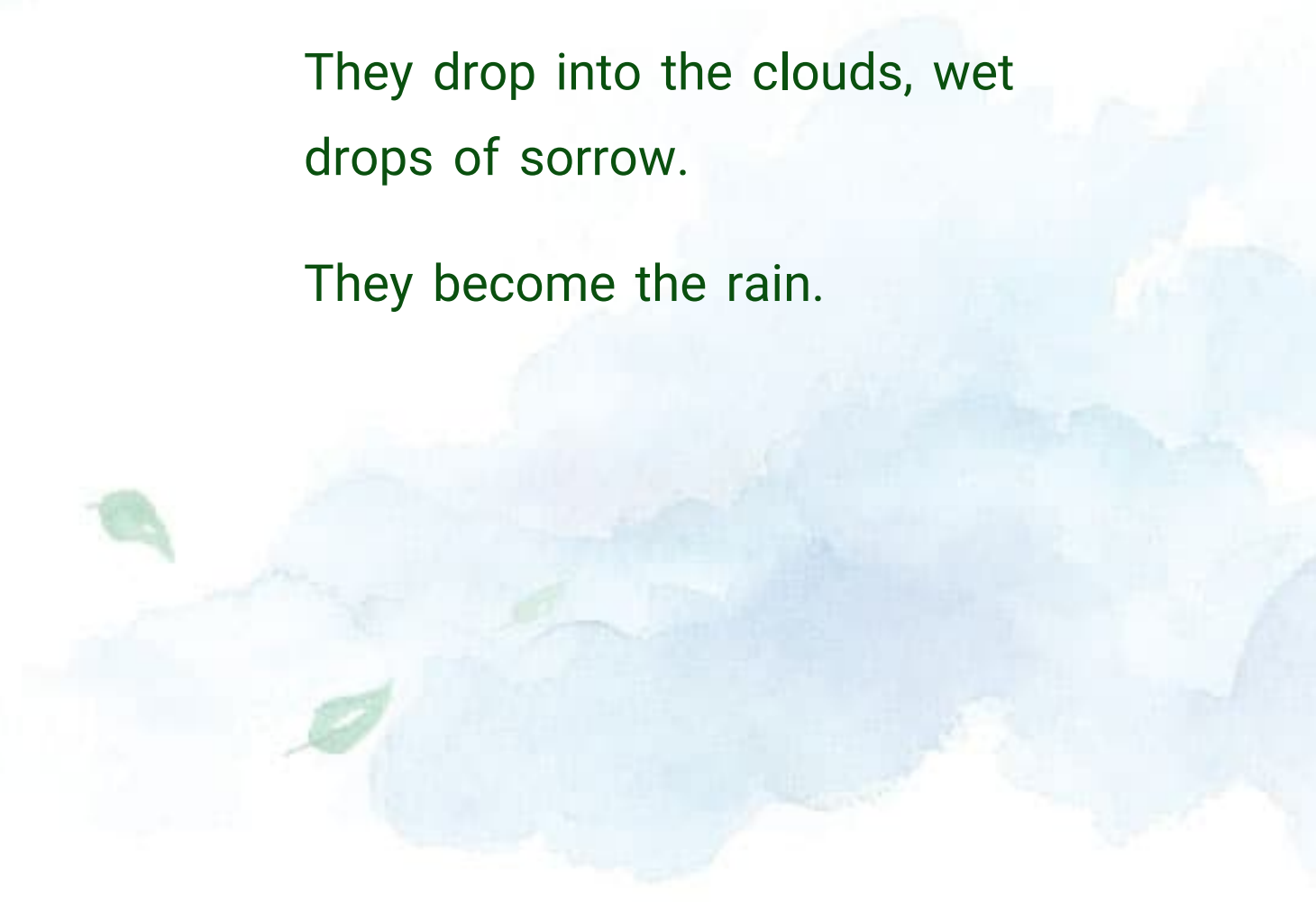




Each note carries a tear.

They drop into the clouds, wet
drops of sorrow.

They become the rain.





The rabbits feel the rain,
and they can hear the sad
notes of the song. The rain
falls all over the field and
on to the plants and the
critters that live there.

The sun flower turns to the bee.

'Such a sad tune. I wonder who
could be playing this song?'

The bee is not sure.

She flies off to ask the birds.





'Can you hear the sad,
sad song?' the bee
asks the bird.

'Did you see each
note was a tear?'

'Who could be full of
such sadness?' the
bird wonders.

He asks the rabbit to find out.

'You see so well and run so swiftly,
will you help us find the one who
plays a song of such sorrow?'

The rabbit nods and bounds away.



He sees the girl crying in the window, and calls out to her. 'Why do you play such a slow, sad song?' he calls.

I miss my mother and father,' she says with a sob.



The rabbit tells the bird, and the bird tells the bee, and the bee tells the flower why the girl is so sad. She comes down from her window to see what the noise is.

The critters of the field jump on her and shower her with kisses. 'Don't be sad, we are here,' they say.





And the girl is not so lonely now. She has the rabbits to chase, and bird to listen to. She watches the bee as it buzzes around the flower to collect pollen.

The next time she plays her flute, it will be a happy tune.



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