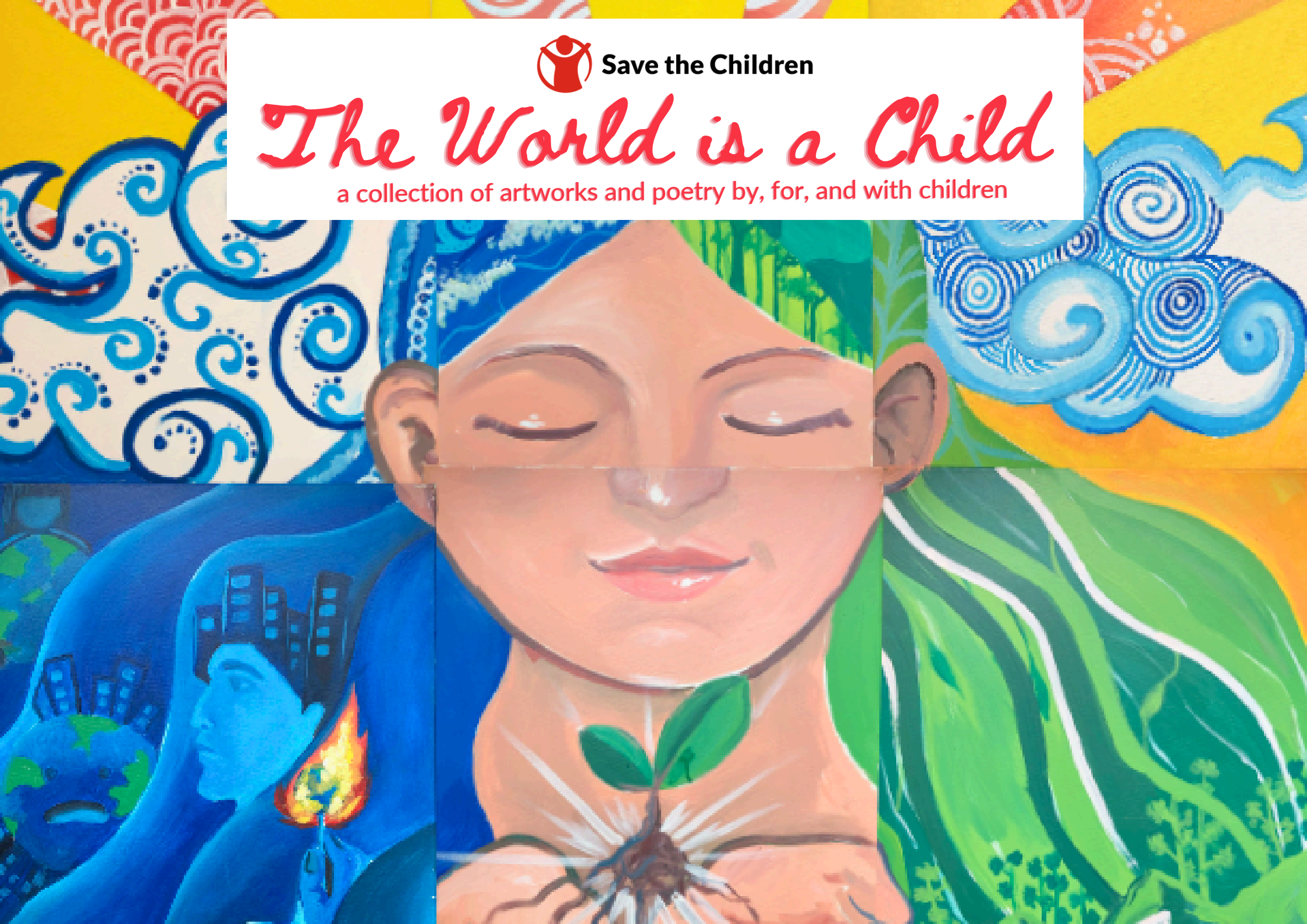




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# *The World is a Child*

a collection of artworks and poetry by, for, and with children



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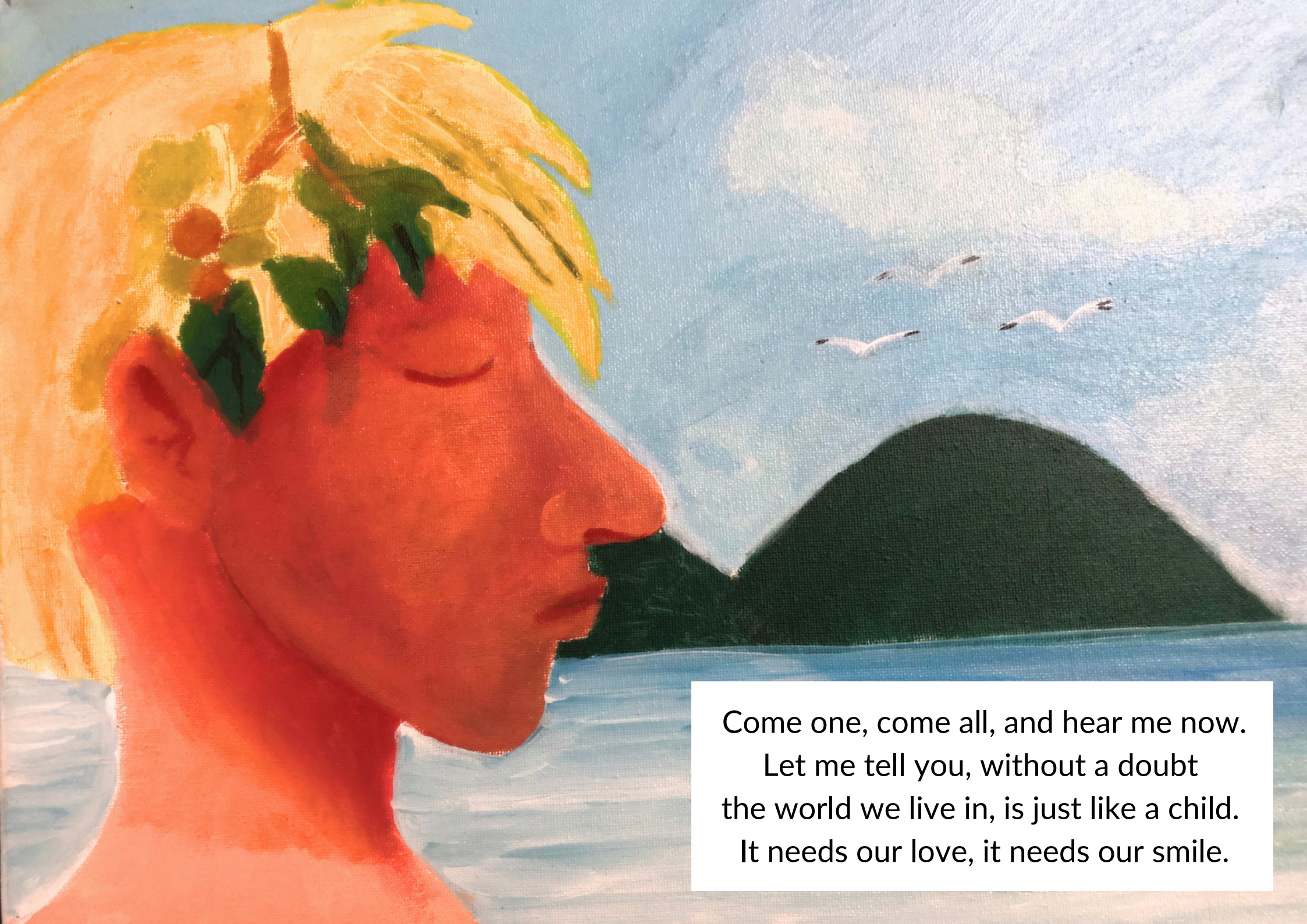
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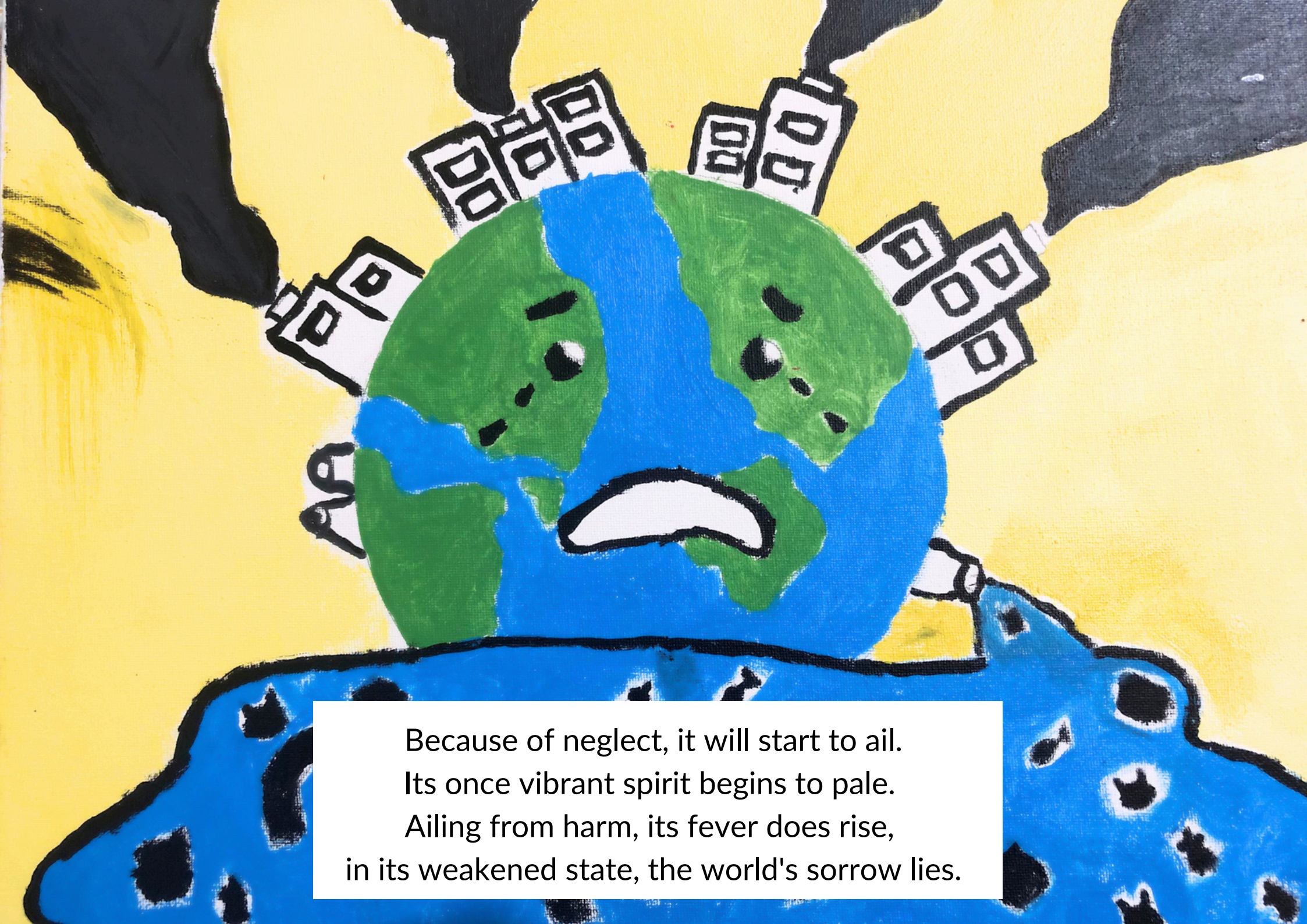
Come one, come all, and hear me now.  
Let me tell you, without a doubt  
the world we live in, is just like a child.  
It needs our love, it needs our smile.



It needs our constant care and protection  
to make sure it thrives in every direction.  
Just like a child, it's playful too.  
It dances with trees, and blows winds through.



It shares its possessions, just like a friend;  
building relationships that never end.  
Give it love and care, it returns the same  
but with abuse, you'll lose the game.



Because of neglect, it will start to ail.  
Its once vibrant spirit begins to pale.  
Ailing from harm, its fever does rise,  
in its weakened state, the world's sorrow lies.

Give it trash, it doubles the score  
pollution and waste, it'll start to pour.  
For what we sow, the world will reply,  
echoes of waste below the sky.





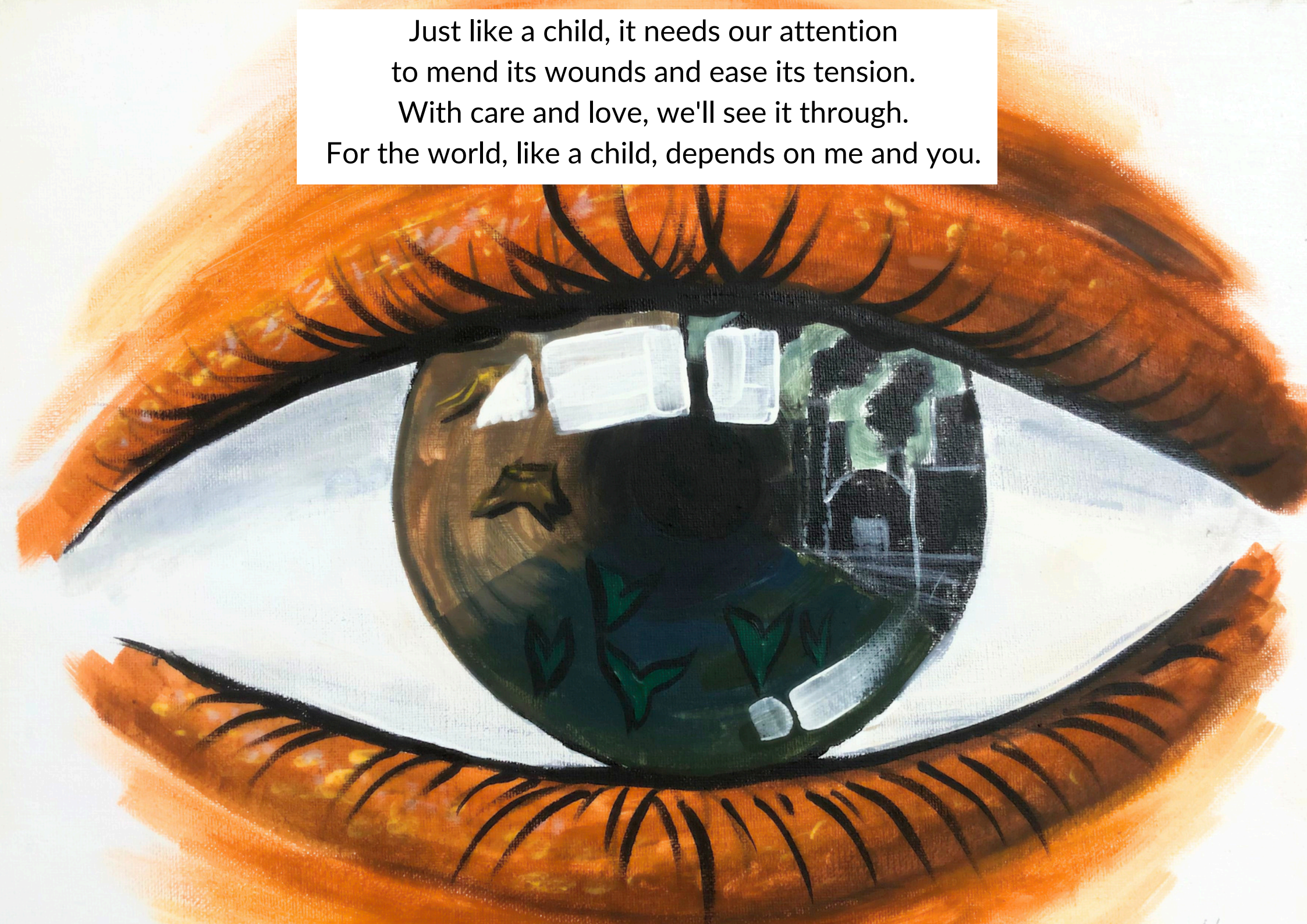
Strong sneezes, like winds, it will blow.  
Nature's fury, in a thundery show;  
from its breath, storms may arise  
echoing its distress, across the skies.





And diseases, like disasters, it will show  
nature's warning, in an ominous flow.  
From its coughs, afflictions may spread,  
reminding us of the care it needs to be fed.

Just like a child, it needs our attention  
to mend its wounds and ease its tension.  
With care and love, we'll see it through.  
For the world, like a child, depends on me and you.





To survive without uncertainty,  
let's pledge our care, with unwavering certainty.  
With each small act, let's make it clear  
that a thriving world is what we hold dear.



Let's protect this child, with all our might  
so future generations can see the light.  
Let's keep it healthy, let's keep it strong,  
so it can play with them, all years long.

So let's nurture the world, like a child we adore  
and protect it, as a family would do for sure.  
For only then, can it play with the children of the future  
and continue to thrive, without any rupture.





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*We create sustainable communities*



*where children thrive.*