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Lullabies, love songs, caroling, karaoke—have you ever wondered . . . why do we sing?

Travel the world and learn about the reasons we sing—to have fun and share our stories; to pass the time and remember times past; and to come together and celebrate! With gentle rhyming text, this musical adventure around the globe is the perfect introduction to the magical world of singing—from Bollywood to Broadway to your own backyard!

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**Why do we sing?**

**Hum a tune?**

**Belt out a melody?**





Why do we make music with our voices?  
Well, let's see . . .



We sing because we're **happy**



or to say, "I feel strong."

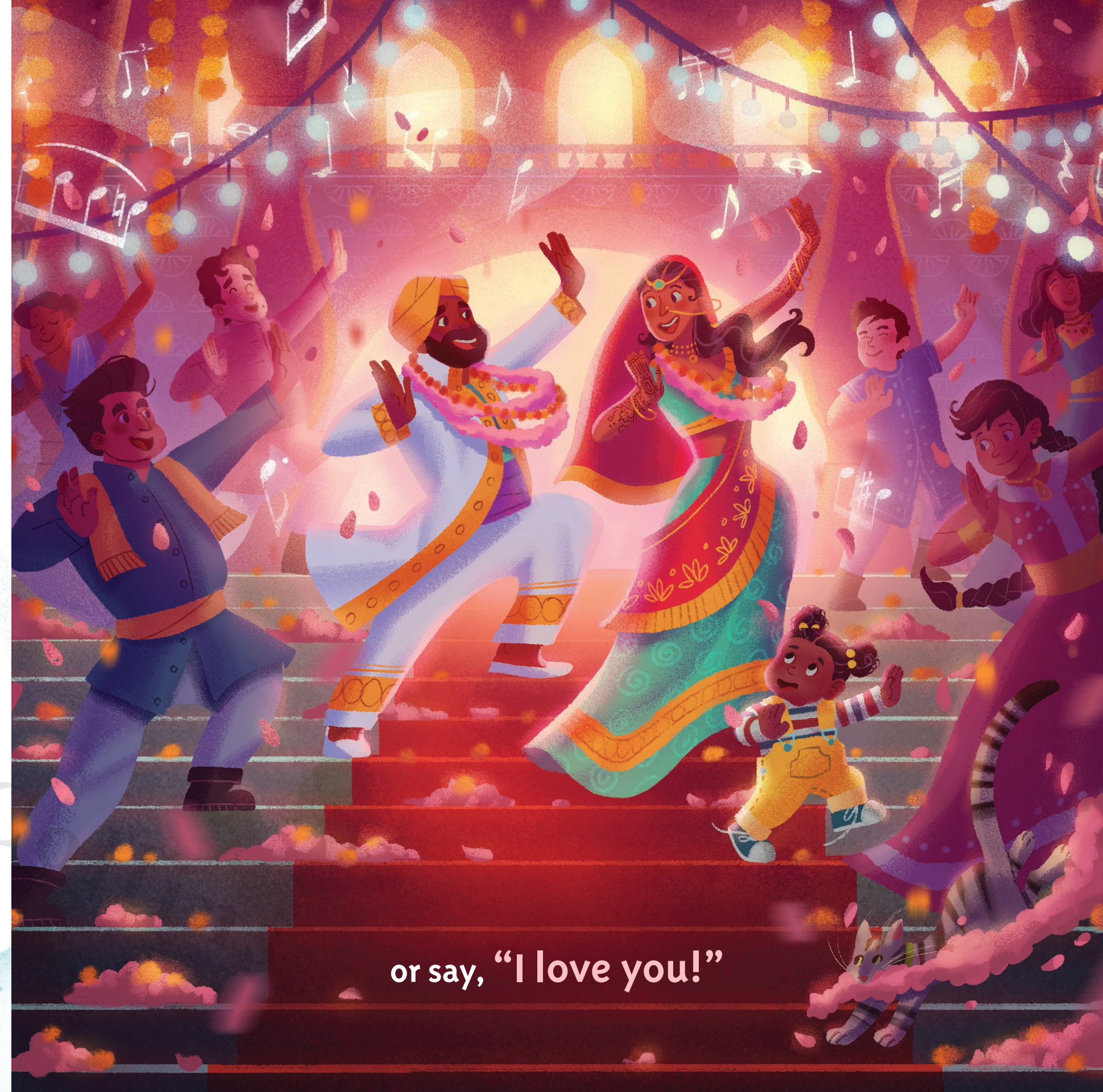


When we sing together  
we know that we **belong**.





A song can help us fall asleep



or say, "I love you!"



Shepherds sing to call their sheep—

“Yo-del-o-del-ay-hee-hoo!”

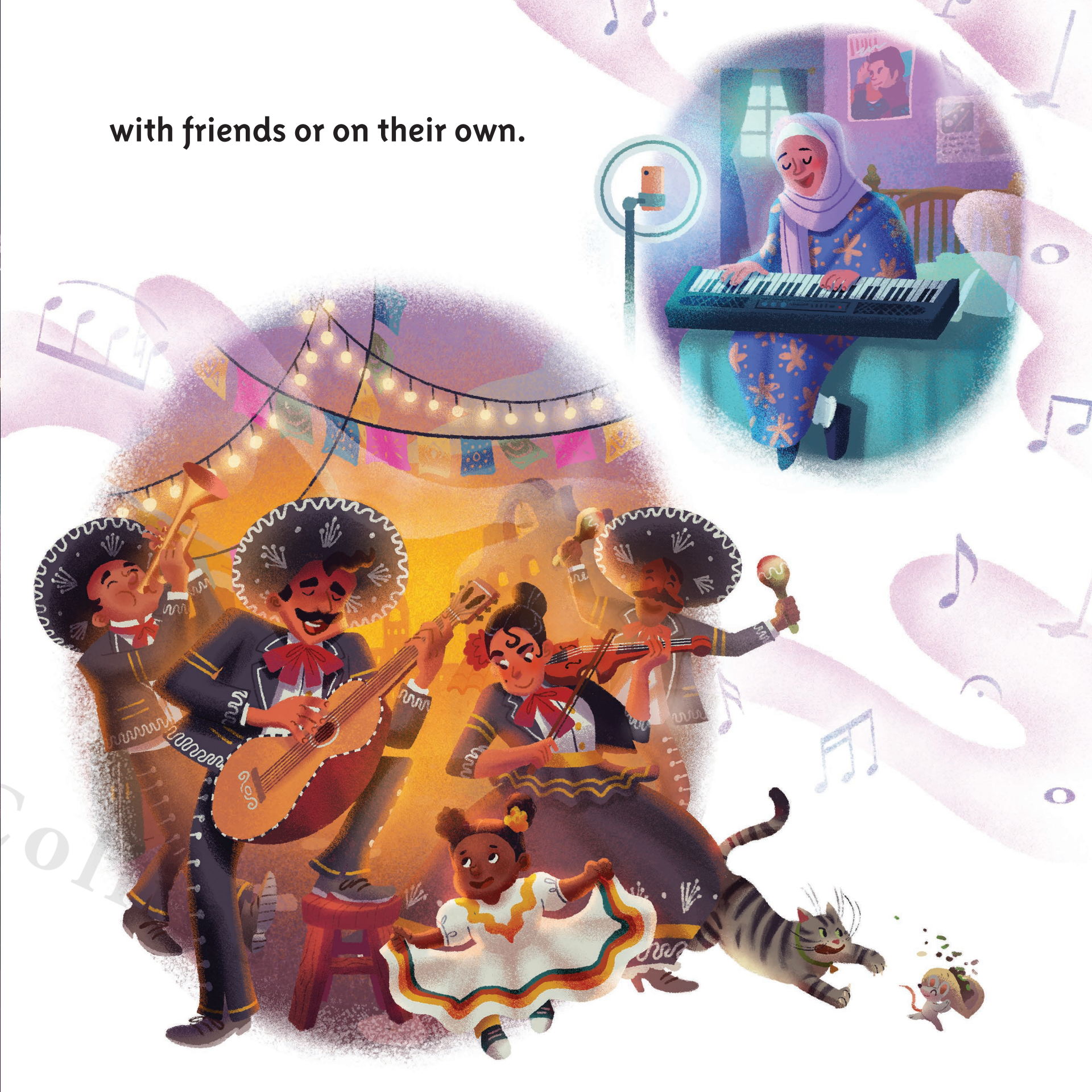




some sing to **entertain** a crowd,



with friends or on their own.







Some help us **remember** how  
to find our way back home.





Anthems, shanties, chants,

duets, carols sung by choirs,





melodies both old and new



can be shared around the fire.



We sing at parties

or in prayer—

even in the shower!







some songs are just for **fun**;



Some speak **truth** to power.



Every song's important  
and I hope now it's clear







why we all love to sing so much!  
I just can't wait to hear . . .





What will **YOU** sing?