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Hello, Rain!

For Mika and Yoshi
(with special thanks to Victoria,
Jackie, Chris, and Sara) —KM

For Matthew —CT

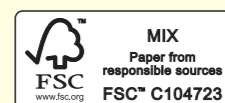
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The air is full of waiting.
The sky is full of breeze.
The trees gust and billow.
All before it rains.

Rumble, rumble.
Distant thunder.
Rain is coming,
rain is coming.



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Plink,
plunk,
plonk

on the rooftop.

Drip drop,
metal mailbox ping.

Every rainfall plays
a different tune.

Listen. Listen.

Rain.

Rain.

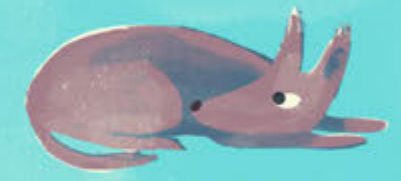
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Old raincoat,



rubber boots,



big umbrella, best umbrella:



Let's go outside!

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a rainy day. The scene is filled with numerous umbrellas in various colors and patterns, including solid colors, stripes, and polka dots. A young girl in a bright yellow raincoat and orange boots is in the center, holding a large rainbow-colored umbrella and reaching up with her other hand. To her left, a purple dog wearing a yellow and orange striped vest is jumping joyfully. The background is a light blue sky with white rain falling. The overall mood is cheerful and playful.

On the streets,
umbrellas bloom.

Around us,
a game of HURRY.

Dash,

dart.

Skitter,

scatter.

But, why hurry
when the sky
is an adventure?

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Deluge,
downpour,
sprinkle,
storm,
a drizzle,
a mizzle.

So many words
for rain!

Long thin threads.
Tiny parachutes.
Buckets at a time.

Out of many drops—
One.
Big—



Puddle!
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