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*To Kalera and Marcus
and to Lesley and Yansan,
may you find the stars within yourselves.*

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What Am I?

The gleam within the dream
The ear within the song
The germ within the seed
The eye within the storm

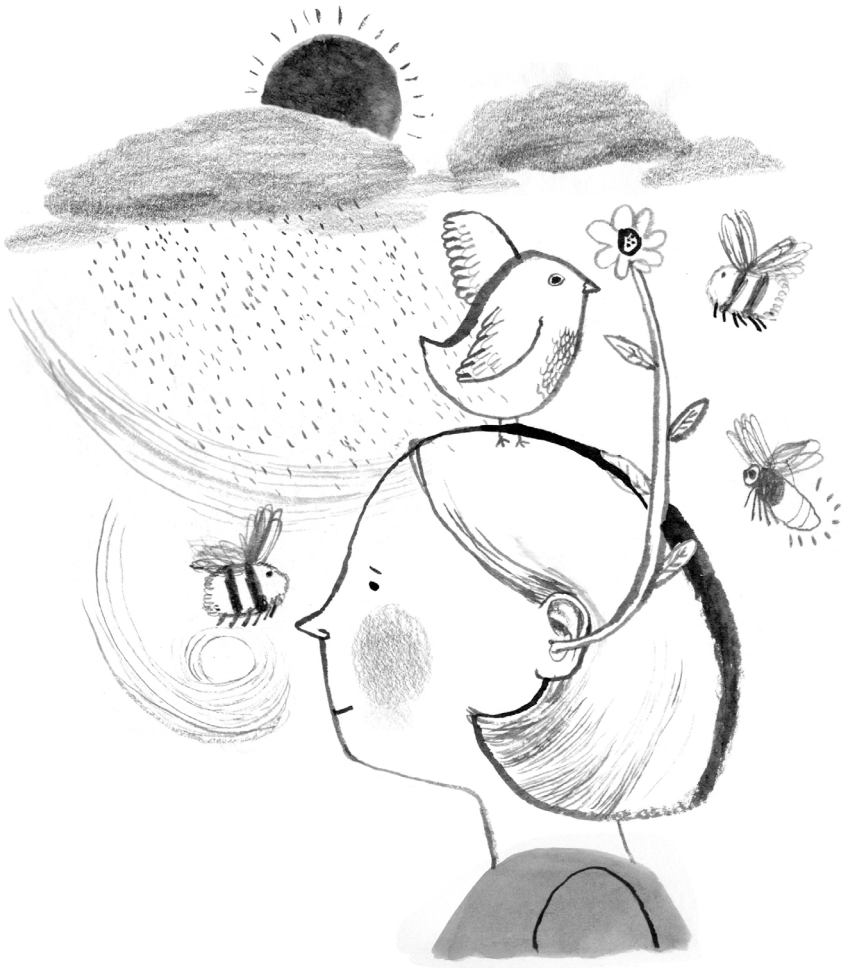
I don't hang around long

A touch of a brain-breeze
A glimpse of a bee's knee
A thought on the wing
A firefly's glow

I make a small light wherever I go

I can come in the sun
I can come in the rain
I can come when you're
Simply gazing from a train

I unlock your creation
My name? *Idea*

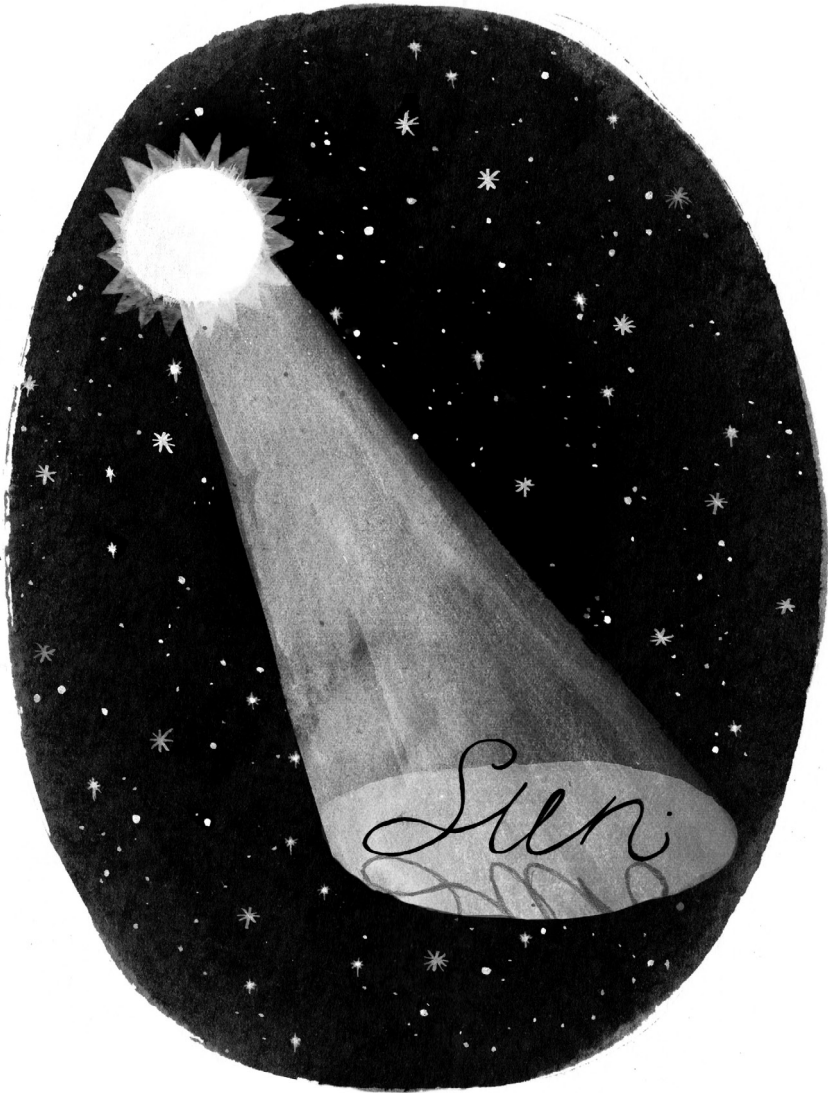


Sun, You're a Star

Millions
billions
trillions of stars –
all keeping
their distance

Only you, Sun,
came with your
shimmering dance –
cutting a yellow path
through the dark

My kind of star
cheering us with your glitz
Your autograph –
a flourish of sunbeams
across our skin.



Sky-Artist

Is there no end, Sky-Artist,
to your endless cloud sketches?

Each time I blink you change shape –
a bevy of bears
an army of elephants
a shoal of fish turning sheep

Himalayan pile-ups
so high and deep
we roll in the waves
of a great sea-blanket

Then in a sunny
change of mood
you wipe your canvas
down to its own sky-blue

Soon palaces are floating over me –
a whale lying on a cushiony throne.
Why not a small cloud-dog
to follow me home?

