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To Charlotte, for always being there
for our little elephants - and to my
Mum, for helping me learn the
right words to say - M.T.

To my Mum, for all her love - A.J.

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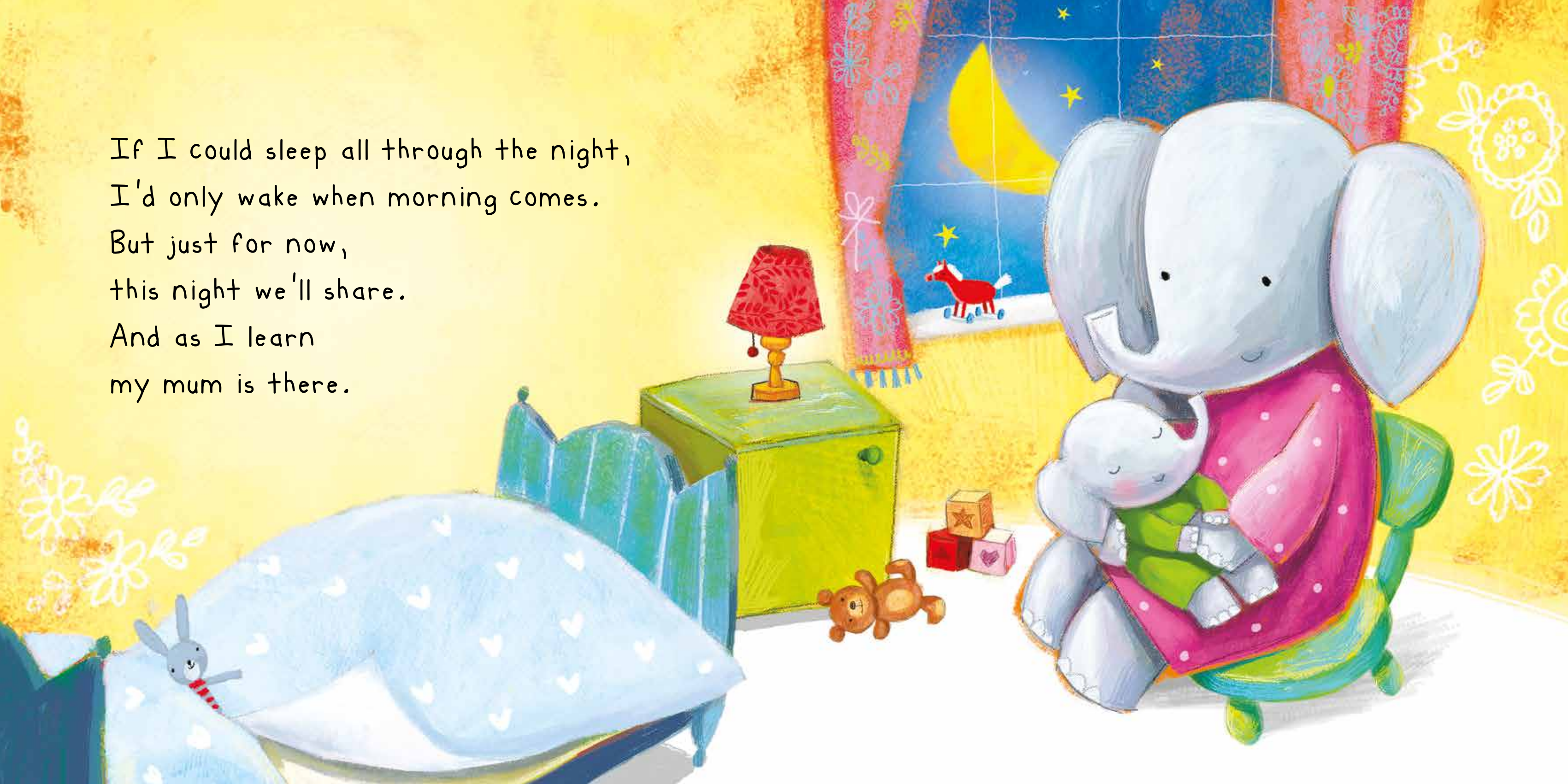
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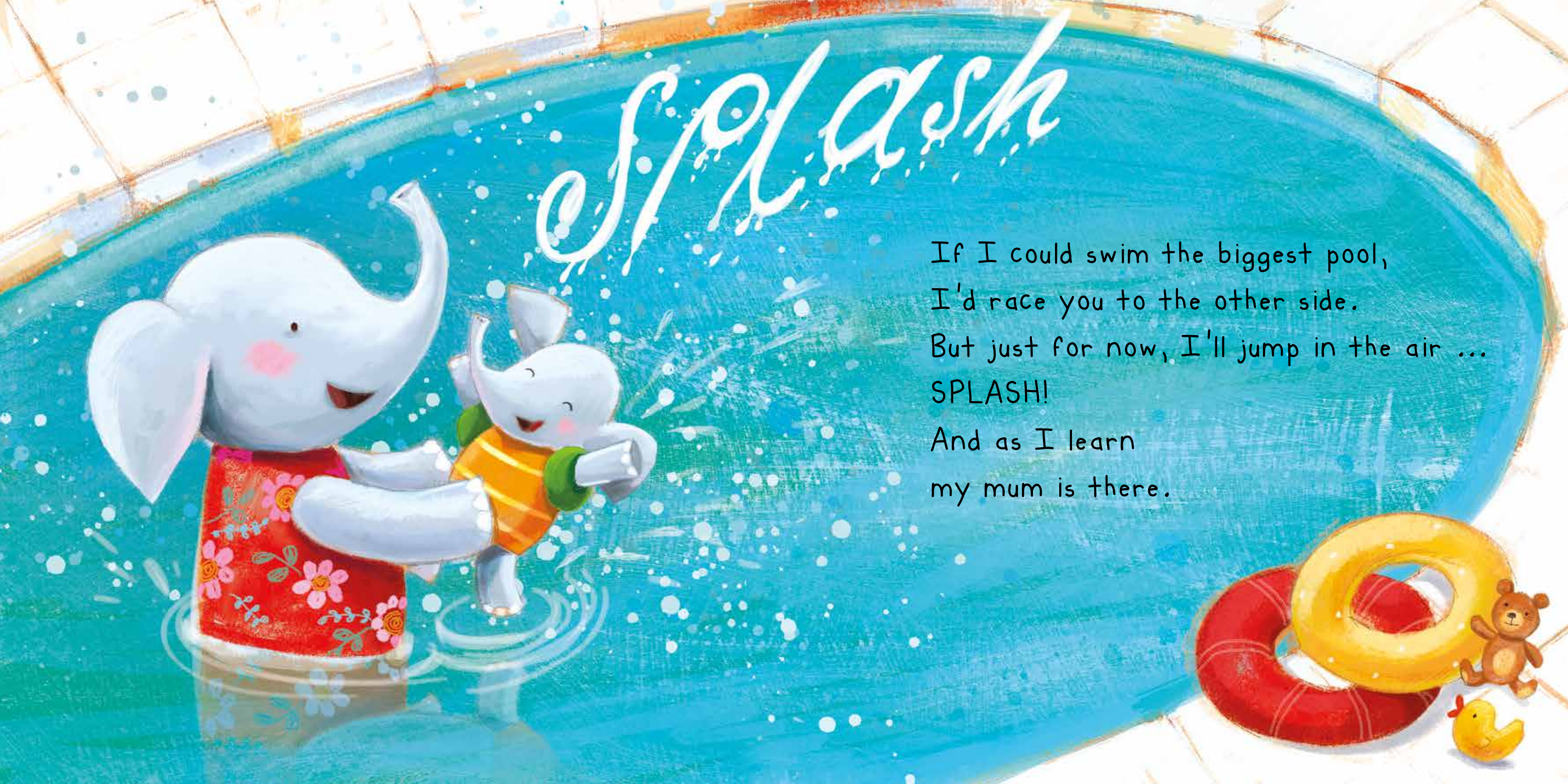


If I could say some words to you,
I'd choose each one so carefully.
But just for now,
I'll sit in my chair.
And as I learn
my mum is there.



If I could sleep all through the night,
I'd only wake when morning comes.
But just for now,
this night we'll share.
And as I learn
my mum is there.



An illustration of two elephants in a swimming pool. A larger elephant on the left, wearing a red floral swimsuit, is holding a smaller elephant on its back. The smaller elephant is wearing an orange swimsuit and is jumping out of the water, creating a large splash. The word 'Splash' is written in a large, white, cursive font above the splash. In the bottom right corner, there are two inflatable rings, one red and one yellow, and a small brown teddy bear and a yellow duck.

Splash

If I could swim the biggest pool,
I'd race you to the other side.
But just for now, I'll jump in the air ...
SPLASH!
And as I learn
my mum is there.



If I could walk all by myself,
I'd hop and skip and jump so high.
But just for now, I'll hold with care.
And as I learn
my mum is there.