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Amy, Charlie, Saffron and Theo, and
in loving memory of Hattie – A.B.

To Elsa, Ella and Maria. Love from Rosi B x

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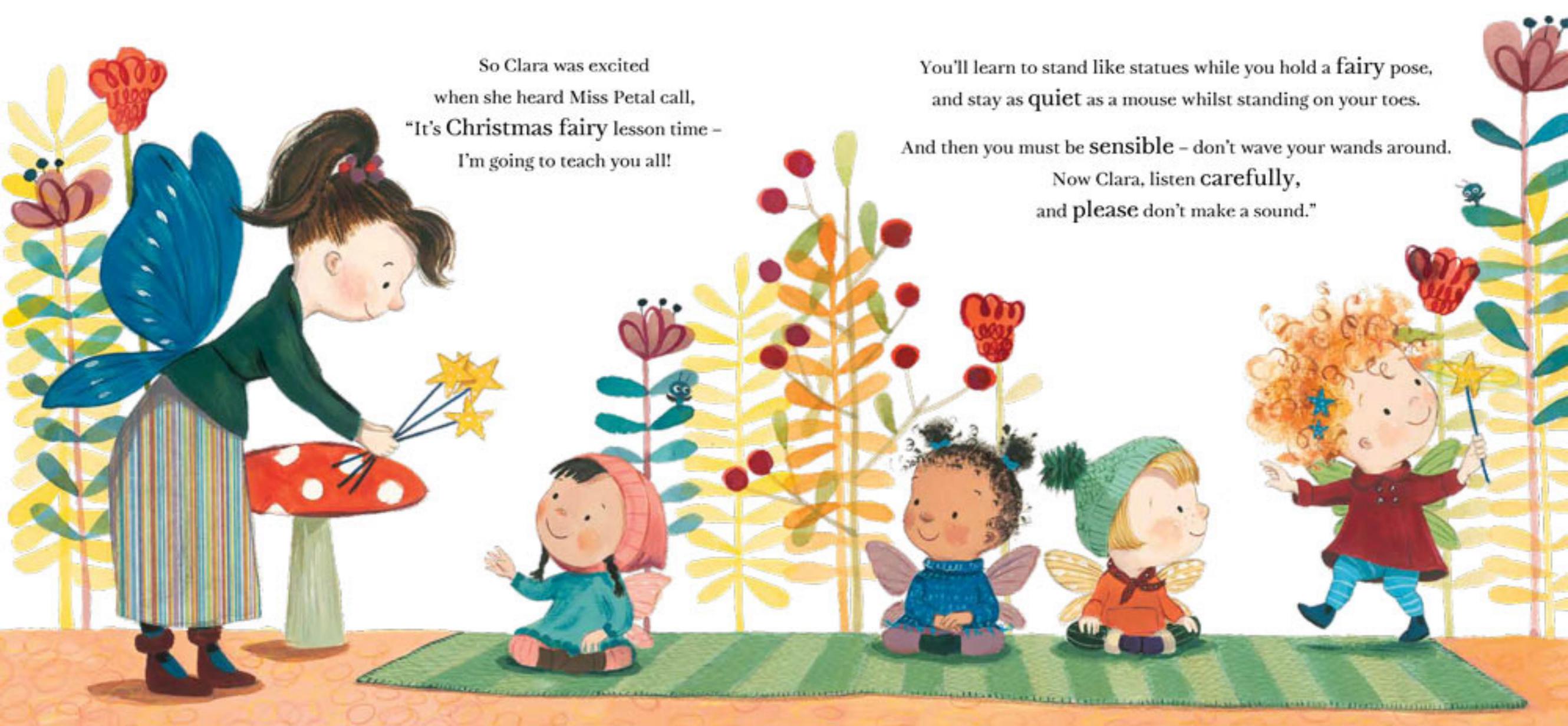


Clara was a chatterbox,
a fairy full of fun.
She loved to sing and dance
and bring a smile to everyone.

And every day at fairy school
she wished that she could be
a proper Christmas fairy
on a sparkly Christmas tree.

So Clara was excited
when she heard Miss Petal call,
"It's Christmas fairy lesson time –
I'm going to teach you all!"

You'll learn to stand like statues while you hold a fairy pose,
and stay as **quiet** as a mouse whilst standing on your toes.
And then you must be **sensible** – don't wave your wands around.
Now Clara, listen **carefully**,
and **please** don't make a sound."



"We'll practise hard all term
and then you'll show me what you know.
And afterwards I'll take you to
a special Christmas Show.



You'll see a bluebird singer with a lovely cheerful song,
and some very funny penguin clowns are going to come along.

Next a graceful ballerina swan will dance and pirouette.
I'm sure the Christmas Show this year is one we won't forget!"

“But first,” Miss Petal said,
“you’ll practise standing in your pose.
Remember to stay very still
and not to scratch your nose.”



So Clara balanced on one leg,
but gave a little giggle . . .



. . . which turned into a wobble and
became a great big wriggle!



“Now fairies,” said Miss Petal,
“stay as quiet as can be.
And think how **happy** you will feel
when you are on a tree.”



So Clara tried her **very** best, but somehow it went wrong . . .
Her quiet happy thoughts became a **hum** and then a **song!**