To Mum, who has a beautiful garden,
and Meg, who loves to dig in it.

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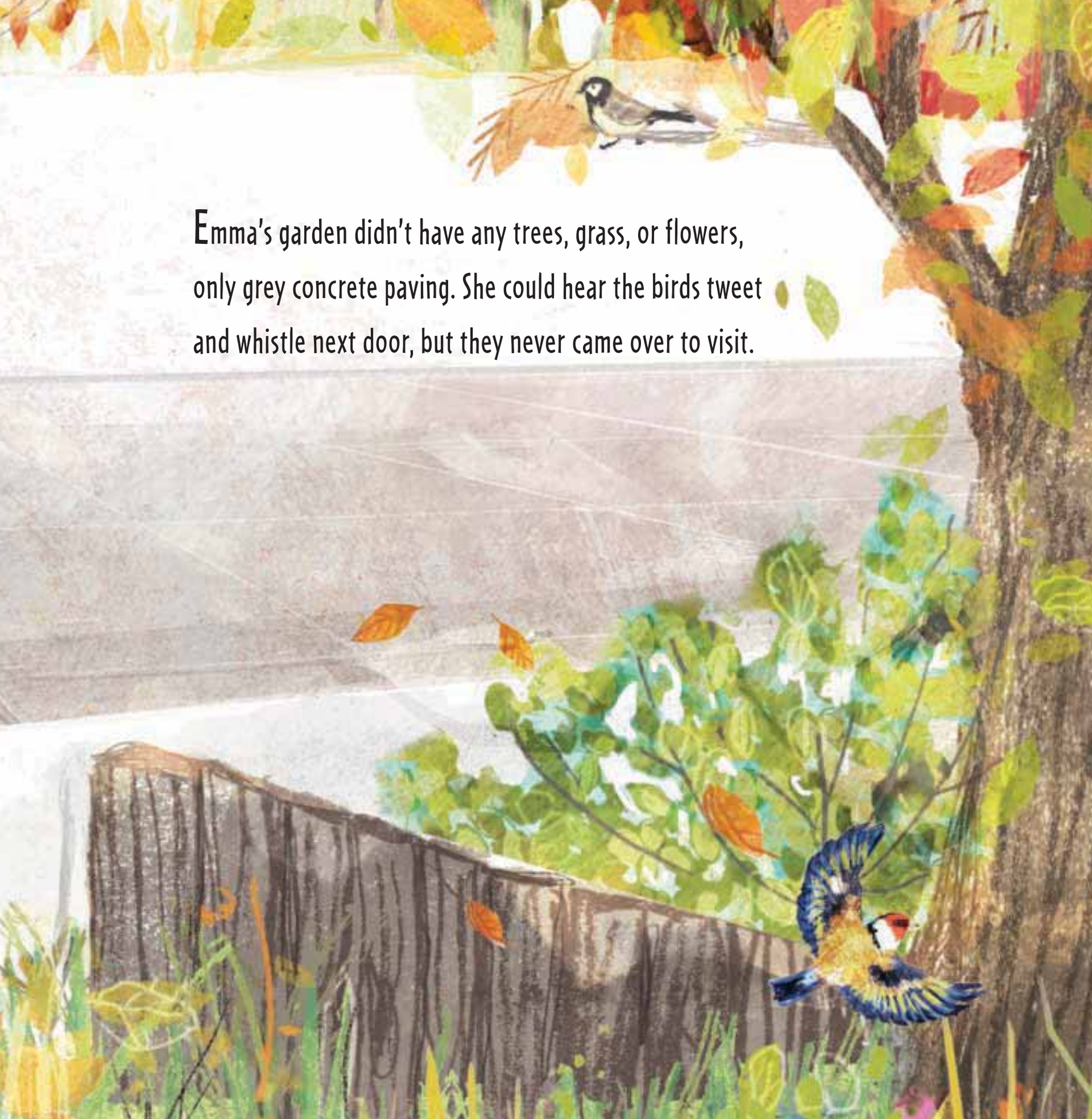


The Chalk Garden

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Emma's garden didn't have any trees, grass, or flowers, only grey concrete paving. She could hear the birds tweet and whistle next door, but they never came over to visit.

Emma tried to make her family's new backyard colourful and green by drawing flowers and trees with her pavement chalk.





But still the birds didn't come.





Instead, only a rain shower came, taking with it all of Emma's beautiful chalk drawings and leaving the garden grey again. *The birds will never visit now*, she thought. Then something caught her eye.

