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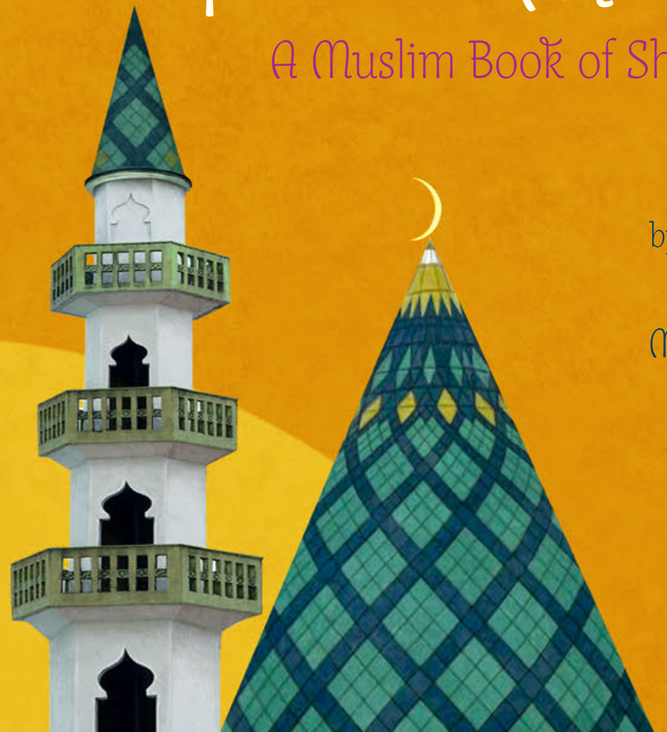

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Cone is the tip
of the minaret so tall.
I hear soft echoes
of the prayer call.

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Rectangle is the
mosque's carved wooden door,
filled with a pattern
that reaches the floor.

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Octagon is a fountain,
its water so blue.
I wash before prayers
and make my wudu.

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