The seasons change,
but friendship always finds a way . . .

When Apollo the swallow tells his friend Chack the blackbird that he will soon fly to Africa, Chack doesn't believe him. And when Chack tells Apollo that the berries on his favourite tree will turn from green to orange, Apollo doesn't believe him either.

But when Autumn comes, everything changes. Apollo is gone and Chack must find a way to send him a very important message!

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Chack the blackbird was learning to fly.
So was Apollo the swallow.

That was how they met.

"Hello! I'm Apollo.
I'm a swallow."

"And what do you swallow?"
asked Chack.

"Flies, mostly," said Apollo.
"And who are you?"

"I'm Chack. I'm a blackbird."

"You look brown to me,"
said Apollo.

"I may be brown now, but one day
I'll be black," said Chack.

"I don't believe you!" said Apollo.

Apollo showed Chack his nest. It was inside the garden shed.



"I won't always live here," he said.
"One day I'll fly away to Africa."

"I don't believe you!" said Chack.

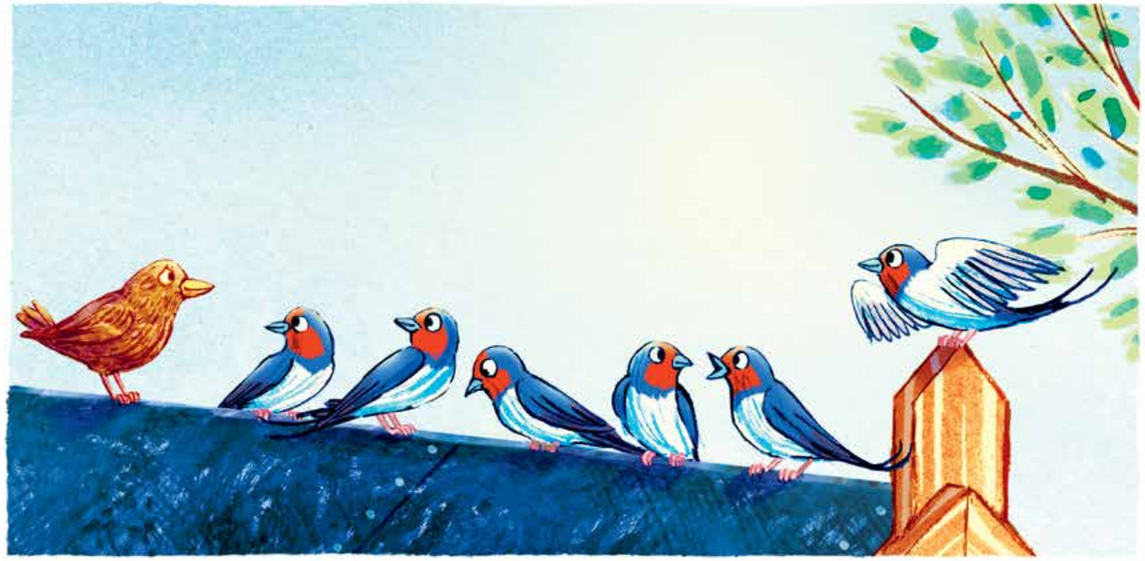
Chack showed Apollo his nest. It was in a tree covered in white blossom.



"One day the tree will be covered
in tasty orange berries," said Chack.

"I don't believe you!" said Apollo.

The days grew longer and warmer. Apollo started going around with a lot of other swallows. They kept gathering on the roof of the shed . . .



and then flying off all together.



"What are you doing?"
asked Chack.

"Practising flying to
Africa!" said Apollo.

"I don't
believe you!"
said Chack.