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Hettie the Highland cow lived in Scotland on Granny Macleod's farm. Granny had two grandchildren, Callum and Kirsty, who liked to visit Hettie.

It was spring, and the sun was shining. Hettie was in her field, having a tasty breakfast of grass and dandelions.

It was usually cold in Scotland, so Hettie's coat was thick and hairy to keep her warm.



Two blackbirds flew by looking for a place to make their nest. *Chirrup, chirrup, tweet!* they said, and they started to build a nest in Hettie's hair.

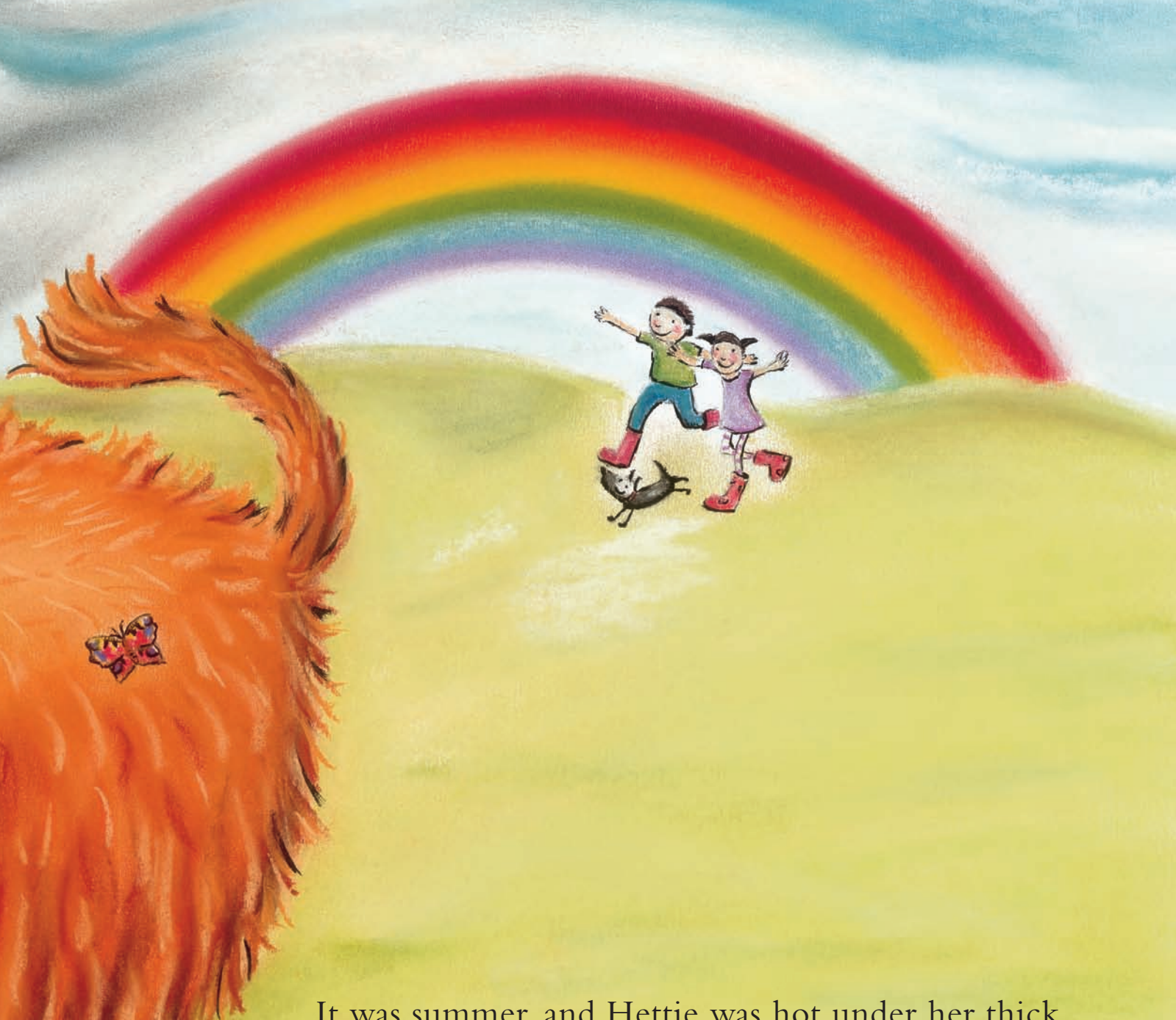
Mooooo said Hettie. She wasn't sure about this. She was a cow not a hedge.

But the blackbirds were happy with their new home, and they settled down to lay their eggs.









It was summer, and Hettie was hot under her thick coat. But she had lots of lovely flowers to eat.

The blackbirds were singing happily, *Chirrup, chirrup, tweet!* Their eggs had hatched and the baby birds were learning to fly.

Some butterflies fluttered around Hettie's head, and landed on her nose, which was very tickly.