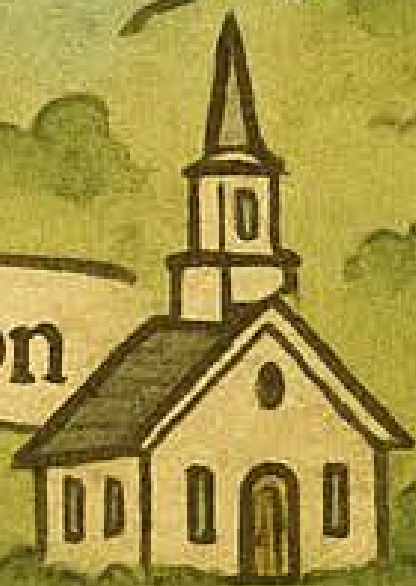


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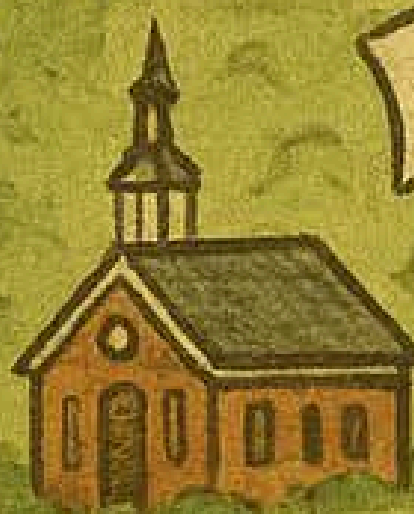


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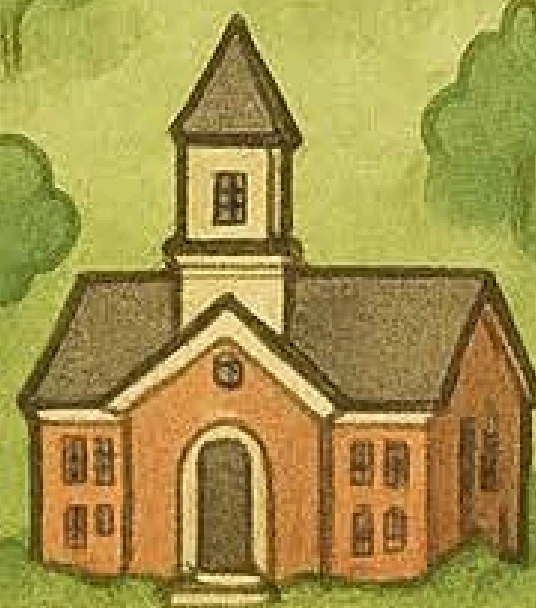
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the Lakes Region of New Hampshire

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THE LAKE'S REGION



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The Township Explorer

A Whimsical Journey through the Lakes
Region of New Hampshire

Illustrated in vintage storybook style
by Ms. Cowdrey

Dedication

To the children of yesterday and today—may
your hearts always find joy in simple
wonders, and may the spirit of New England
forever guide your path.

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Introduction by Ms. Cowdrey

Dear Friend,

I grew up in the Lakes Region, my heart and home. Life was full of love and cheer—sledding down snowy hills, ice skating on frozen ponds, doing somersaults on soft summer grass, picking wildflowers, and chasing fireflies. One of my greatest joys has always been visiting the old schools and churches. These places share spirit—connecting us to our past, grounding us in the present, and opening our hearts to the beauty yet to come.

The churches and schools are anchors. Like Mother Goose poems, they nourish our heritage and traditions. I hope you enjoy this little book, a wander through the Lakes Region with whimsy, charm, and love.

With warmth, Ms. Cowdrey

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A whimsical illustration of a landscape. A winding path leads from the bottom center towards the background. On the left, a tree with green leaves stands. In the bottom left corner, there are two orange flowers. On the right, a signpost with a wooden post holds a sign that reads "THIS WAY TO THE TOWNS". A small brown mouse is running along the path towards the sign. In the top right corner, a brown owl with large eyes sits on a branch. The background features rolling green hills and a single white cloud. The entire scene is framed by a decorative border of green leaves and a brown vine.

Come, take my hand,
and wander near,

The towns we love
are waiting here.

With bells that ring,
and books to read,
And hearts that shine
through every deed.

THIS WAY
TO THE
TOWNS

ALTON



The bells of Alton call today,
They echo sweet across the bay.
The steeple stands both proud and tall,
A kindly guide to one and all.

Alton – The Bell Tower by the Lake

In Alton, where the waters sparkle at dawn, a tall white church bell calls softly across the hills. Children gather with books in hand, while elders share tales beneath oak trees. The little library stands nearby, filled with stories waiting to be discovered.

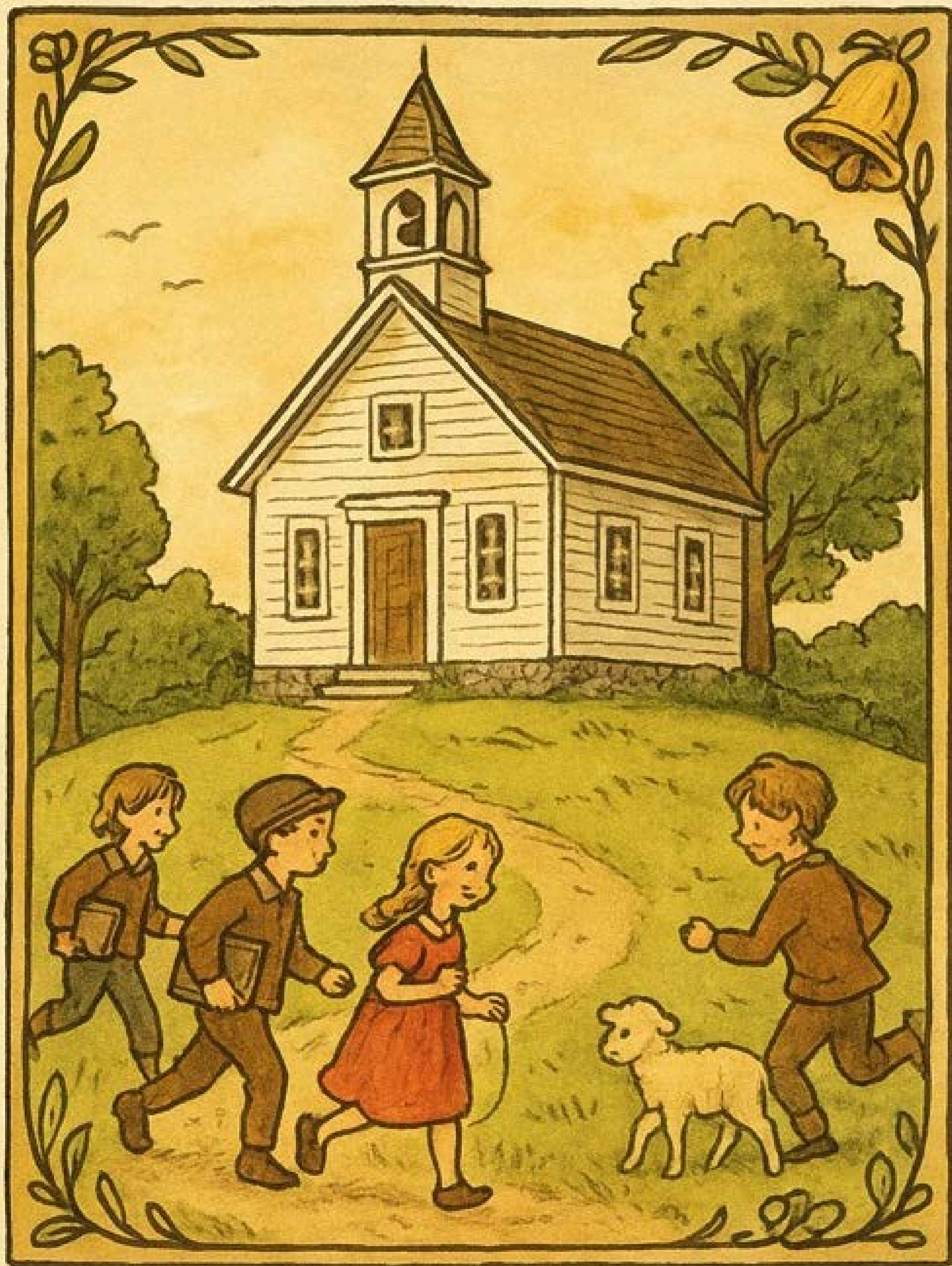


BARNSTEAD

Up the hill the children go,
With slates in hand, they're all
aglow.

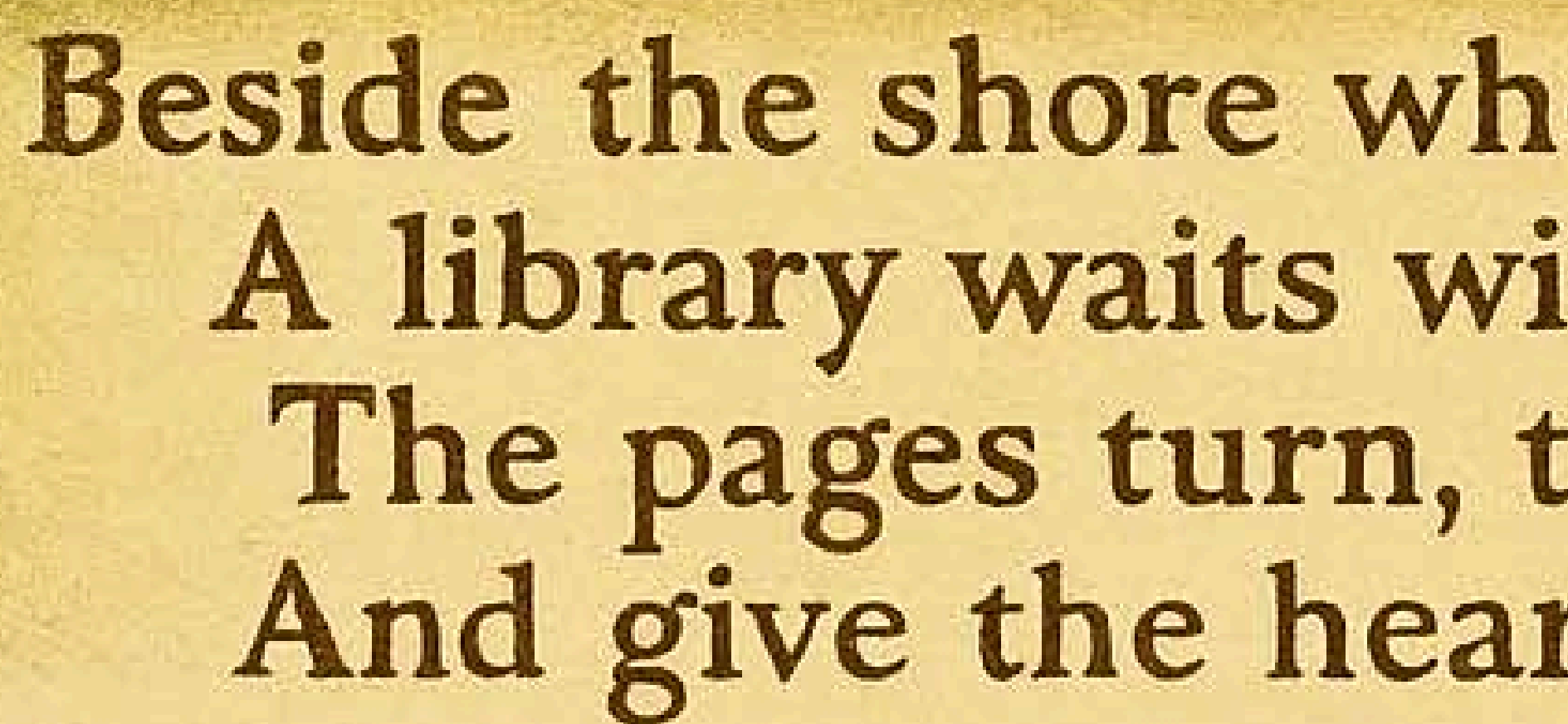
The school bell rings,
the lambs stay close,
Each child's bright smile
a treasured rose.







CENTER HARBOR



Beside the shore where
A library waits with
The pages turn, to
And give the heart



Where birches grow,
With lantern glow.
The stories sing,
And a gentle wing.



Freedom's lights begin to glow,
As evening breezes softly blow.
With lanterns bright and music near,
The heart finds joy in all held dear.

Freedom – The White Church
Windows glowing, candles gleam,
Faith and hope in every dream.



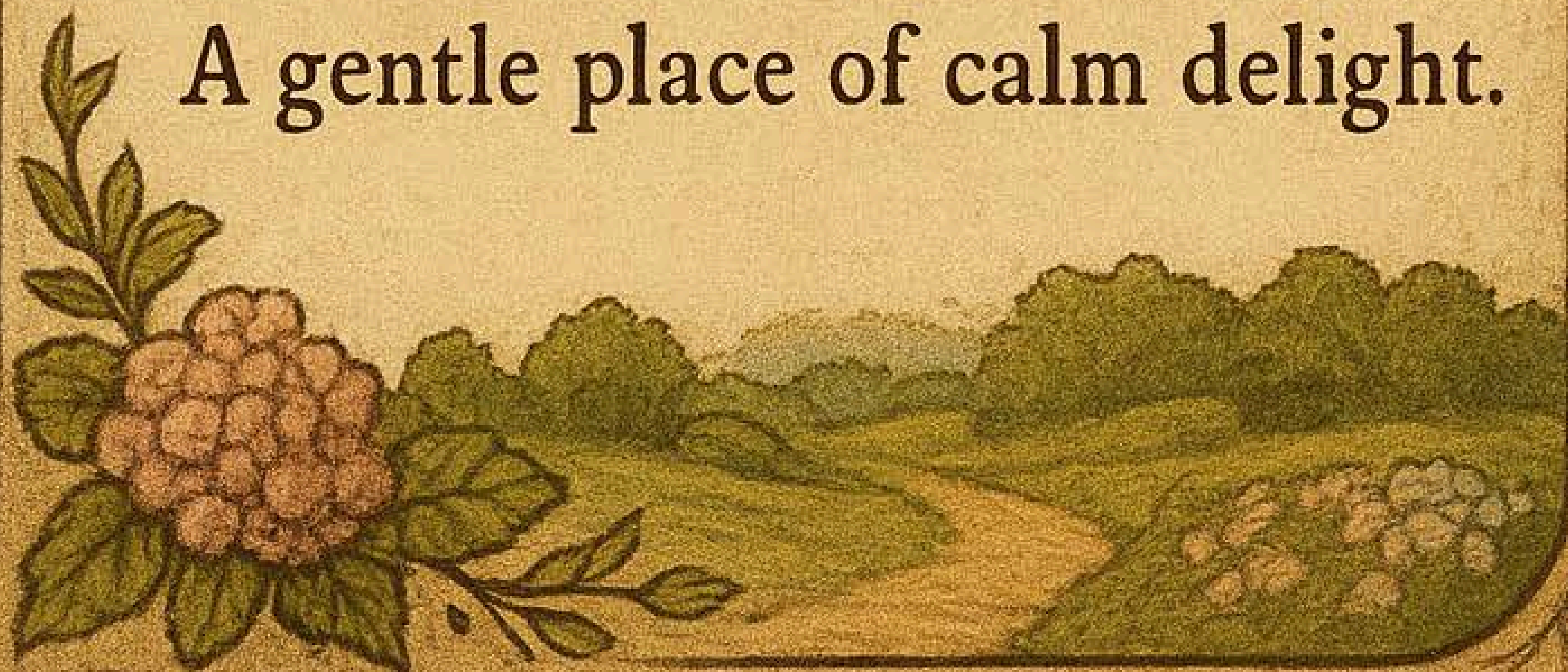
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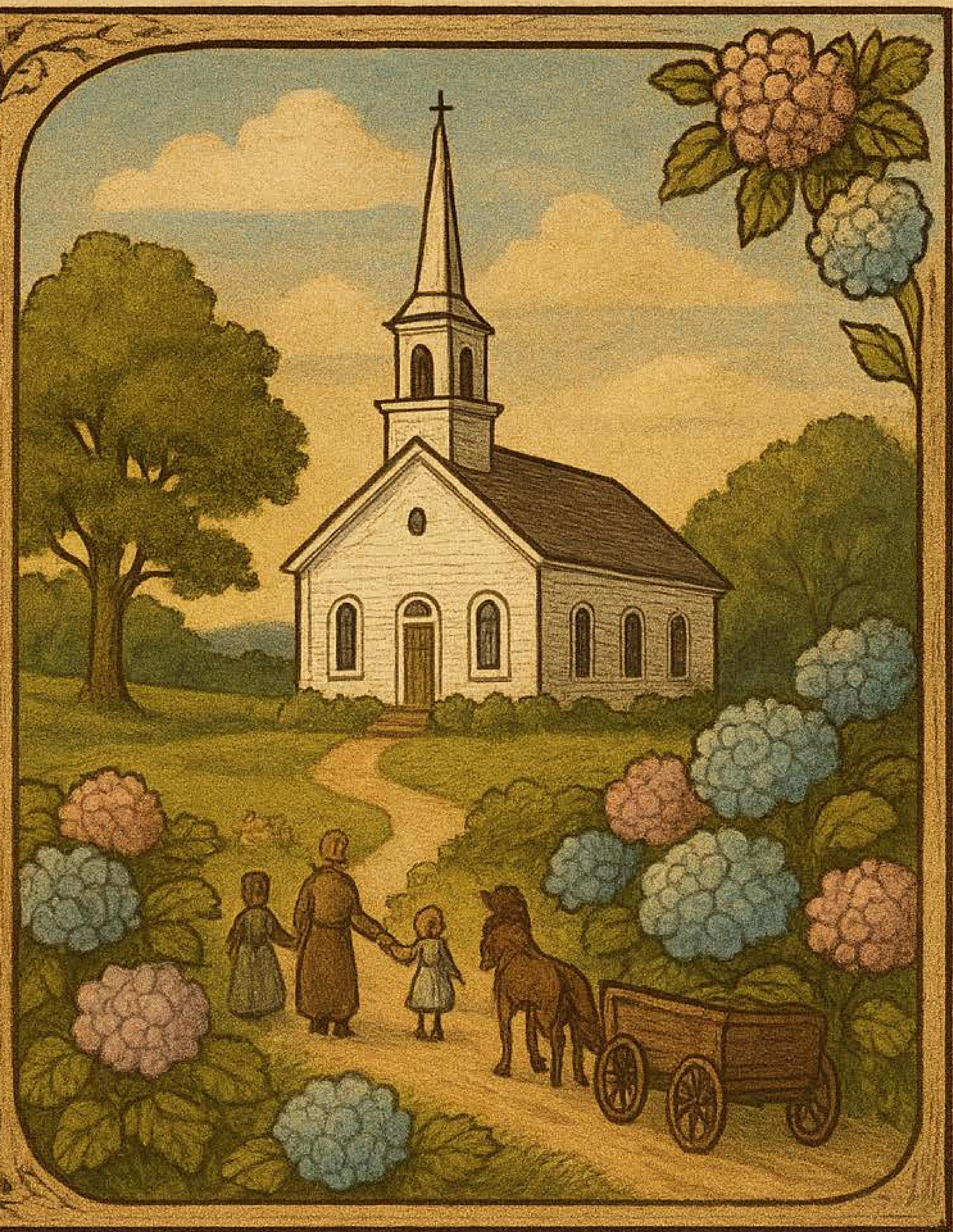
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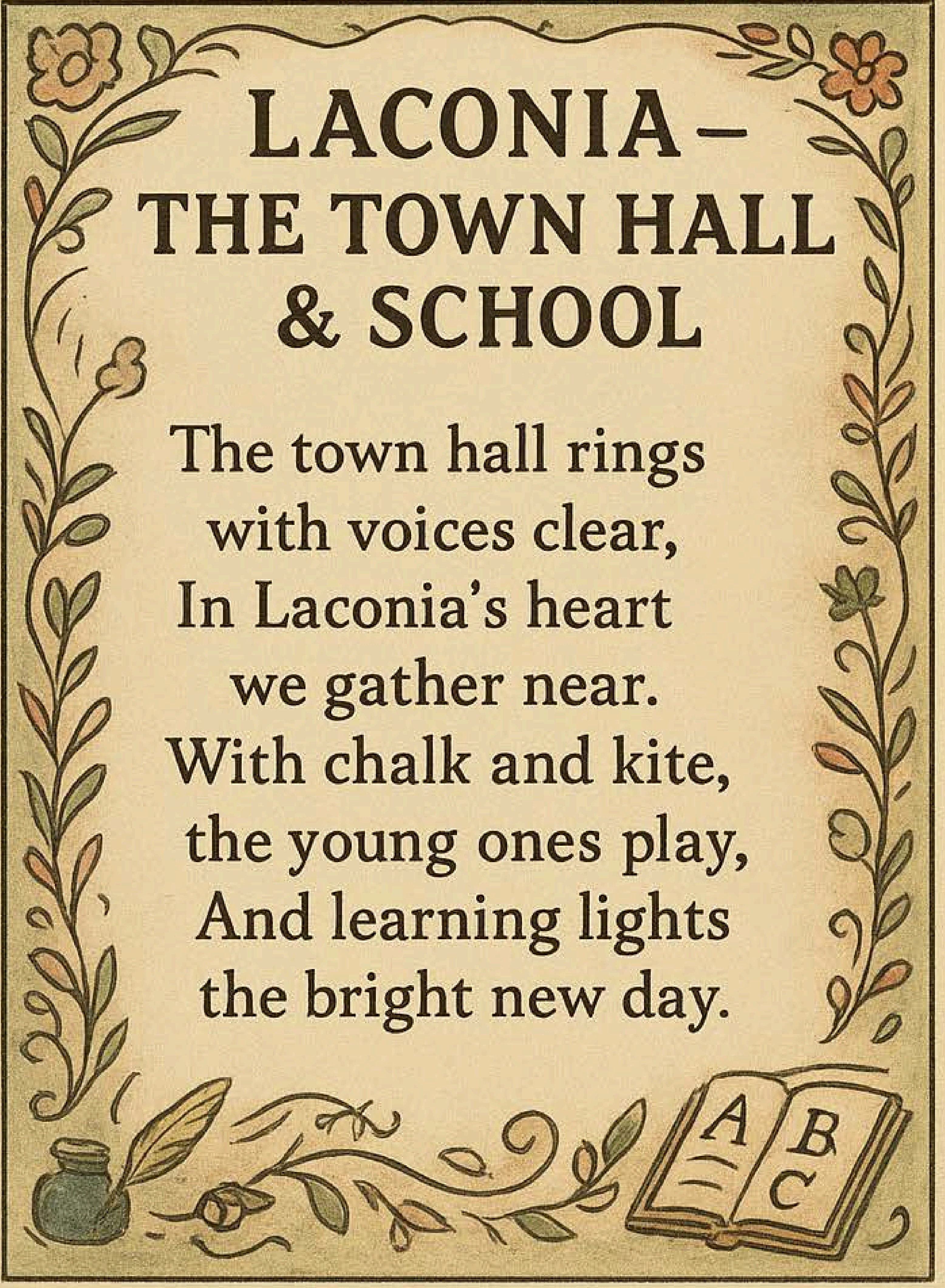
In Gilford's fields the blossoms
Beneath the glow of summer
skies.

The chapel stands, its windows
bright,

A gentle place of calm delight.



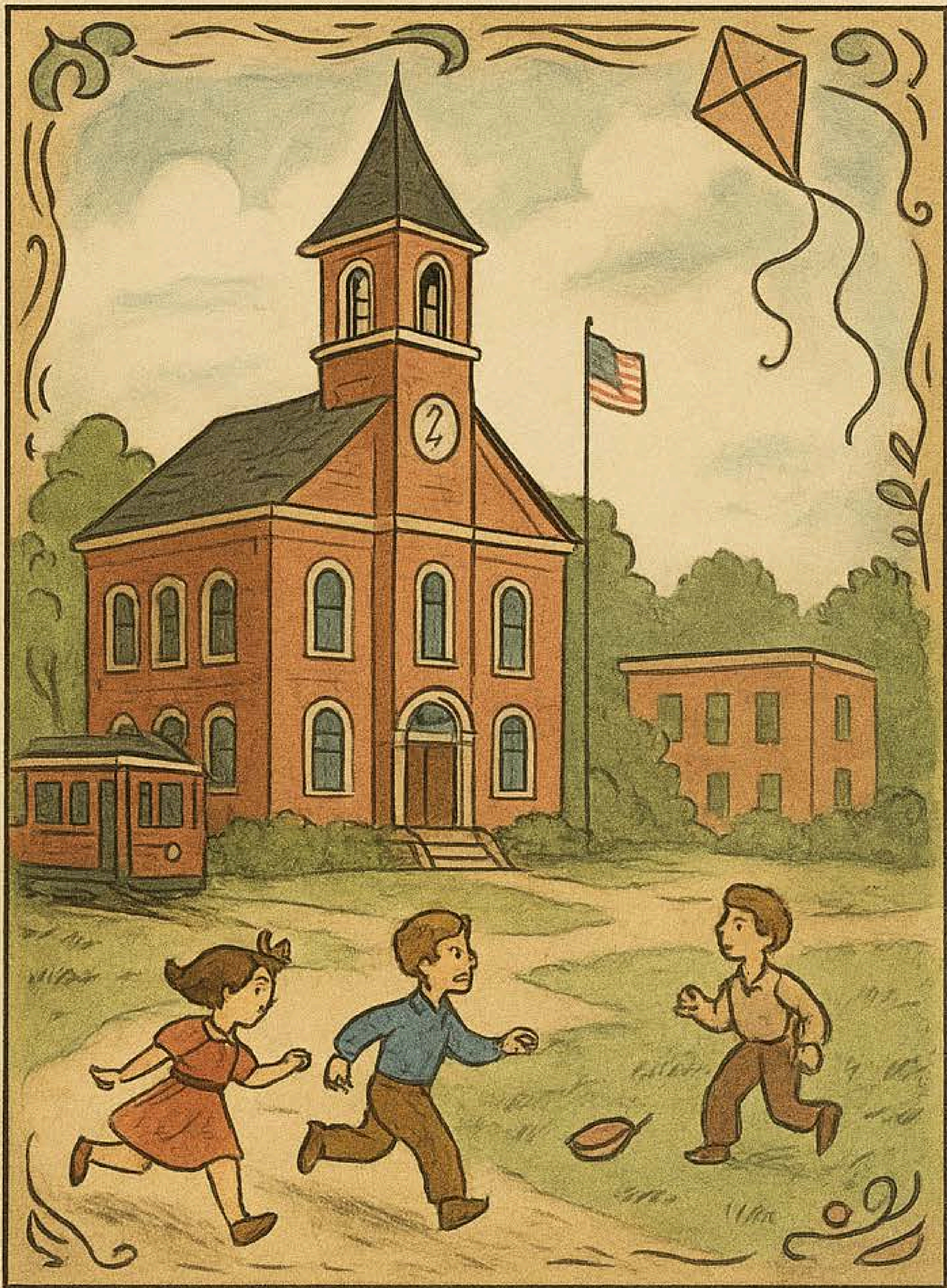




LACONIA – THE TOWN HALL & SCHOOL

The town hall rings
with voices clear,
In Laconia's heart
we gather near.
With chalk and kite,
the young ones play,
And learning lights
the bright new day.



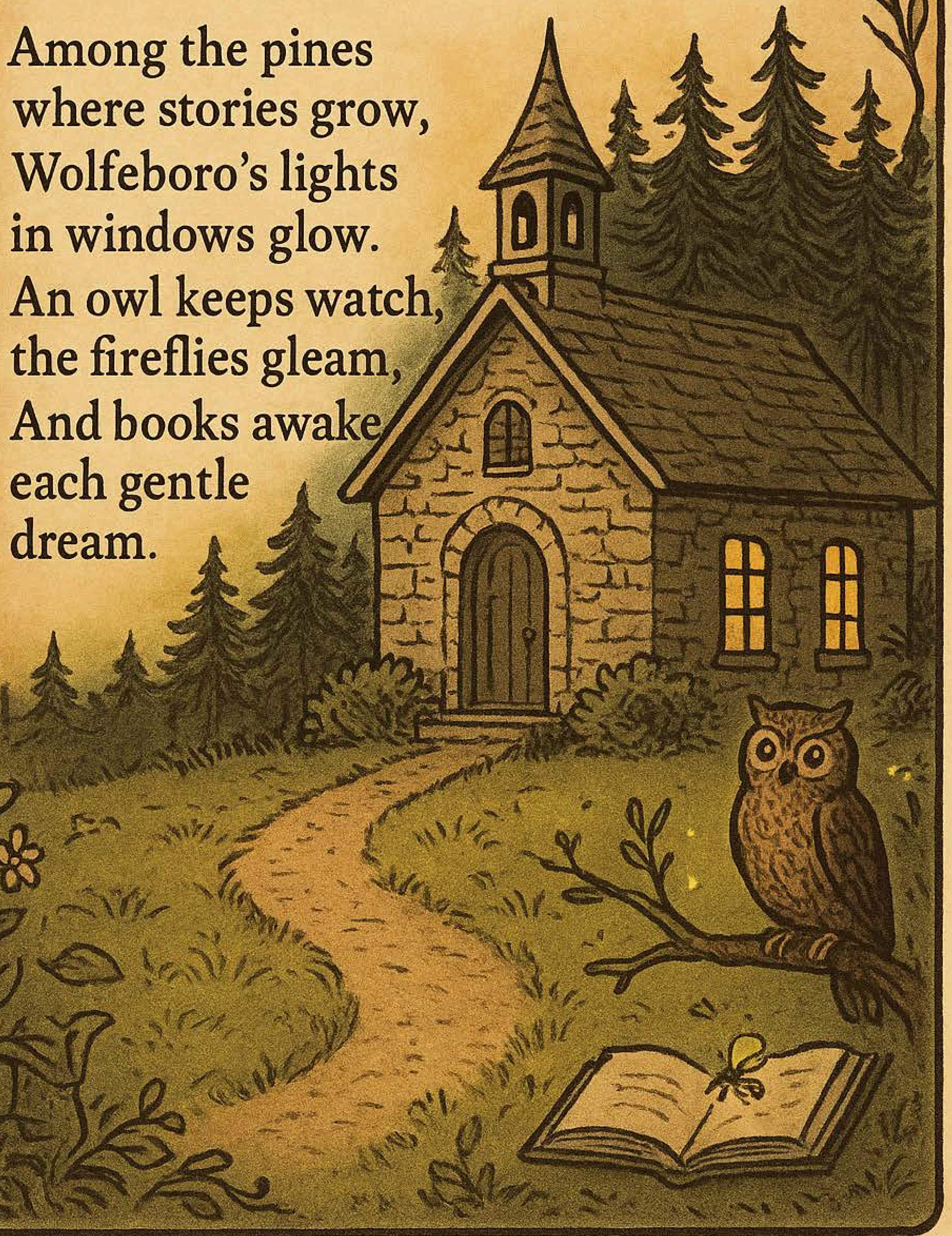


WOLFEBORO

The Library of the Pines

Among the pines
where stories grow,
Wolfeboro's lights
in windows glow.

An owl keeps watch,
the fireflies gleam,
And books awake
each gentle
dream.



Wolfeboro – The Library of the Pines
Whispered pages, stories keep,
Lakeside tales where pine trees sleep.

So here we end our Township tour,
With steeples bright and hearts so pure.
The Lakes Region sings, both strong and
sweet,
Where past and present gently meet.

About Ms. Cowdrey:

Ms. Cowdrey is a teacher, pilot, sailor, adventurer, and traveler. She is retired US Air Force and always pursued her hopes and dreams. Now she teaches her loves and passions so that others may pursue their hopes and dreams. She is a peace educator and also teaches therapy lessons. She wants the very best for her American family and hopes our heritage and traditions continue to blossom.

Do you like this book? Would you like Ms. Cowdrey to make another book for you?
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