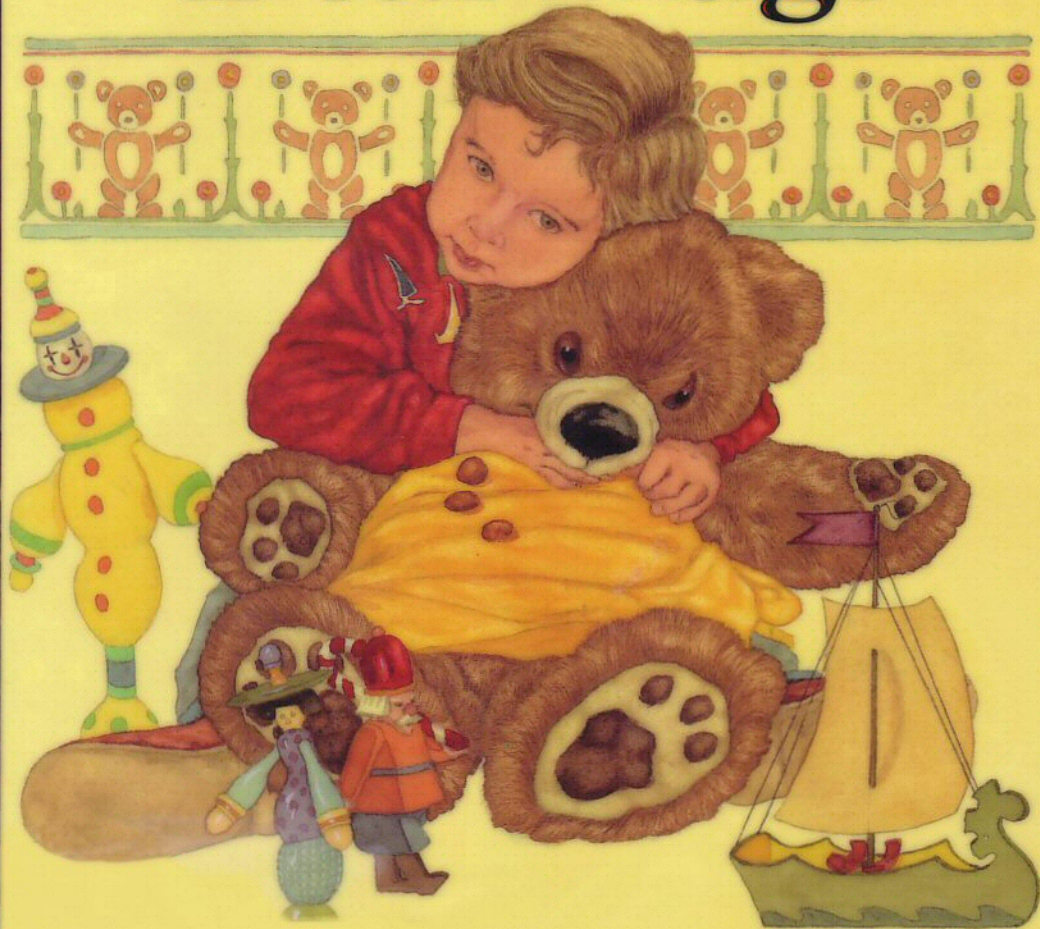
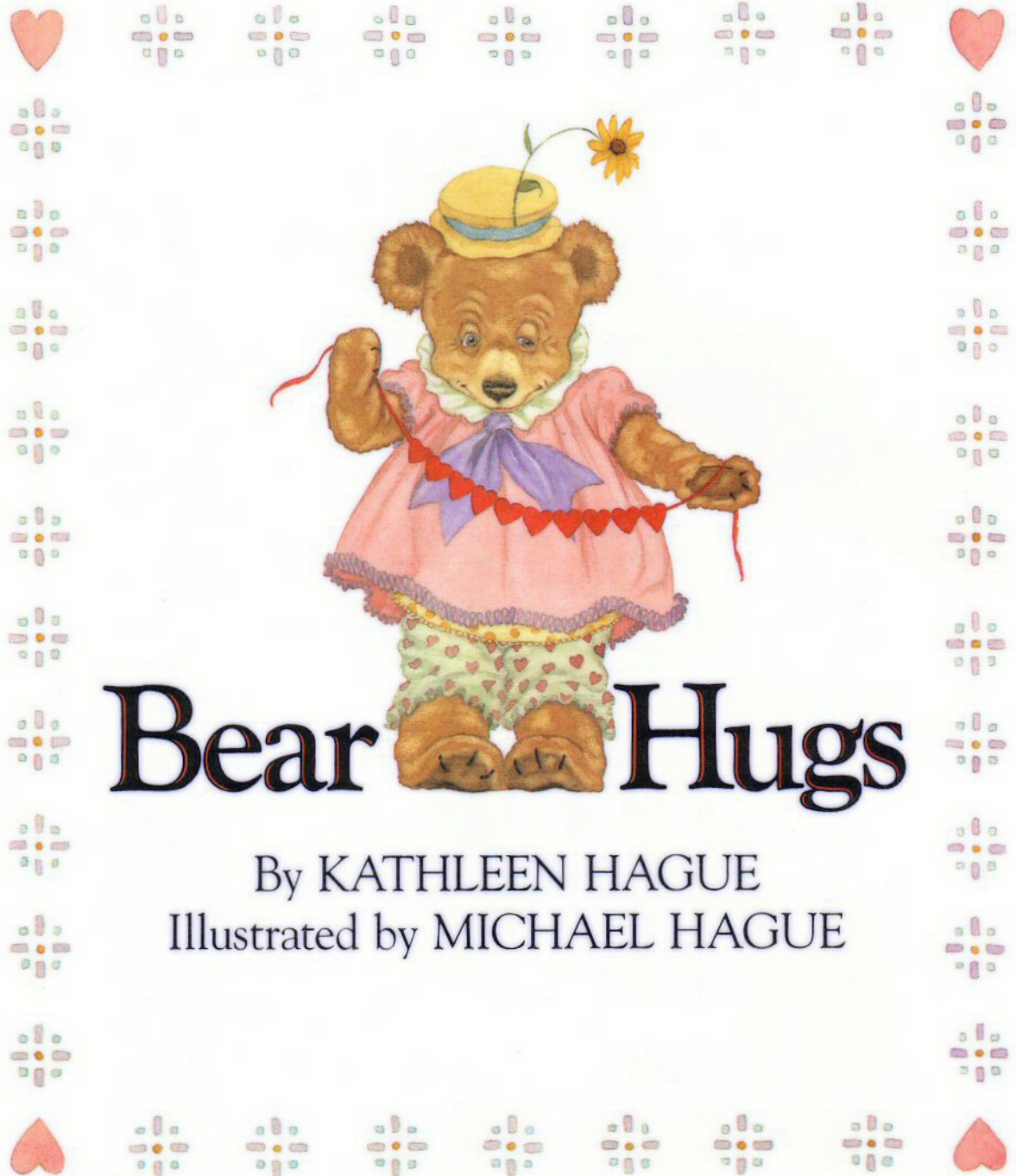


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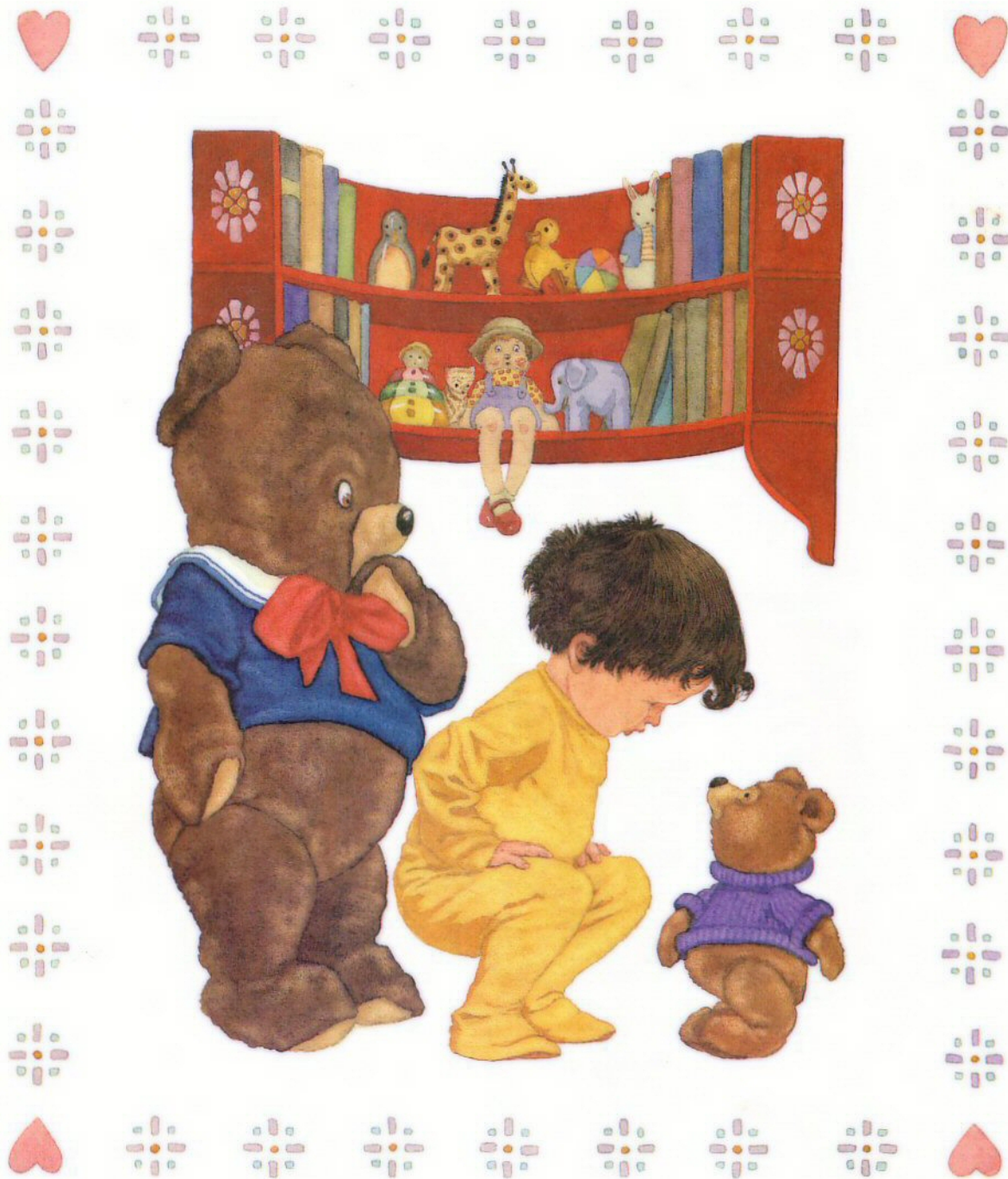




Teddy Bears

I like to talk to teddy bears;
They always have the time
To listen till I'm really through
With stories that are mine.

They never interrupt me
To ask when? why? or who?
And I think it's grand that they
Can keep a secret, too.

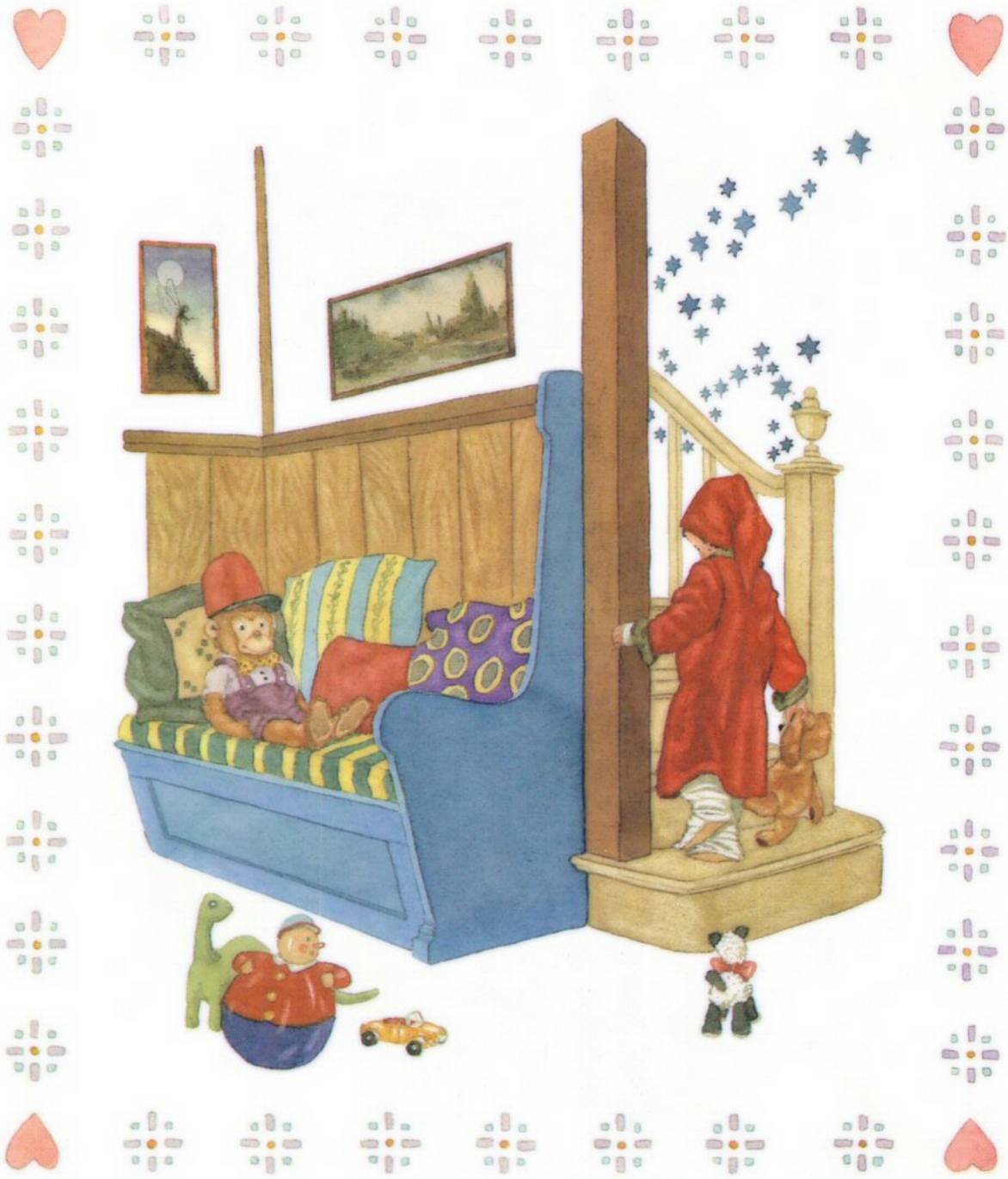




Me in the Middle

Big bear,
small bear,
me
in
the
middle.
Even though
there's
three
of
us,
together
we're
still
little.







Evening shadows glide and fall
Across the floor
And up the wall.
We haven't time
To count our sheep—
Bear and I are fast asleep.





Old Bear

Made of cloth instead of skin,
Only cotton stuffed within,
Cross-stitched eyes, an odd-shaped nose,
A tatted smile that seems to grow.



Here We Go, There We Go

Here we go,
There we go.
Right into bed we go,
Sleepy-eyed teddy and me.



Here we go,
There we go.
Never mind which way we go,
The wind is fair on the sea.



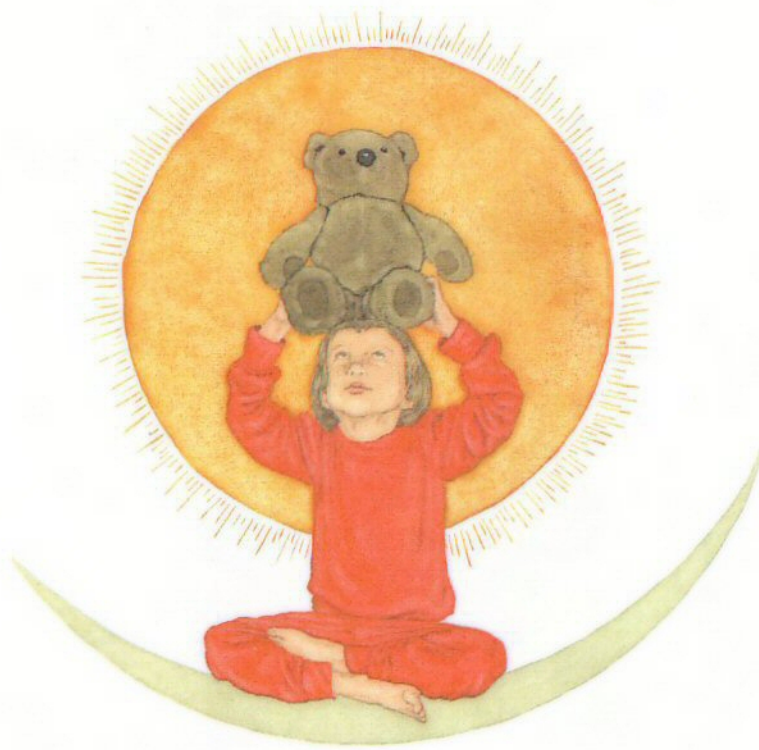


Here we go,
There we go.
Never mind where we go,
The dream world is ours to see.





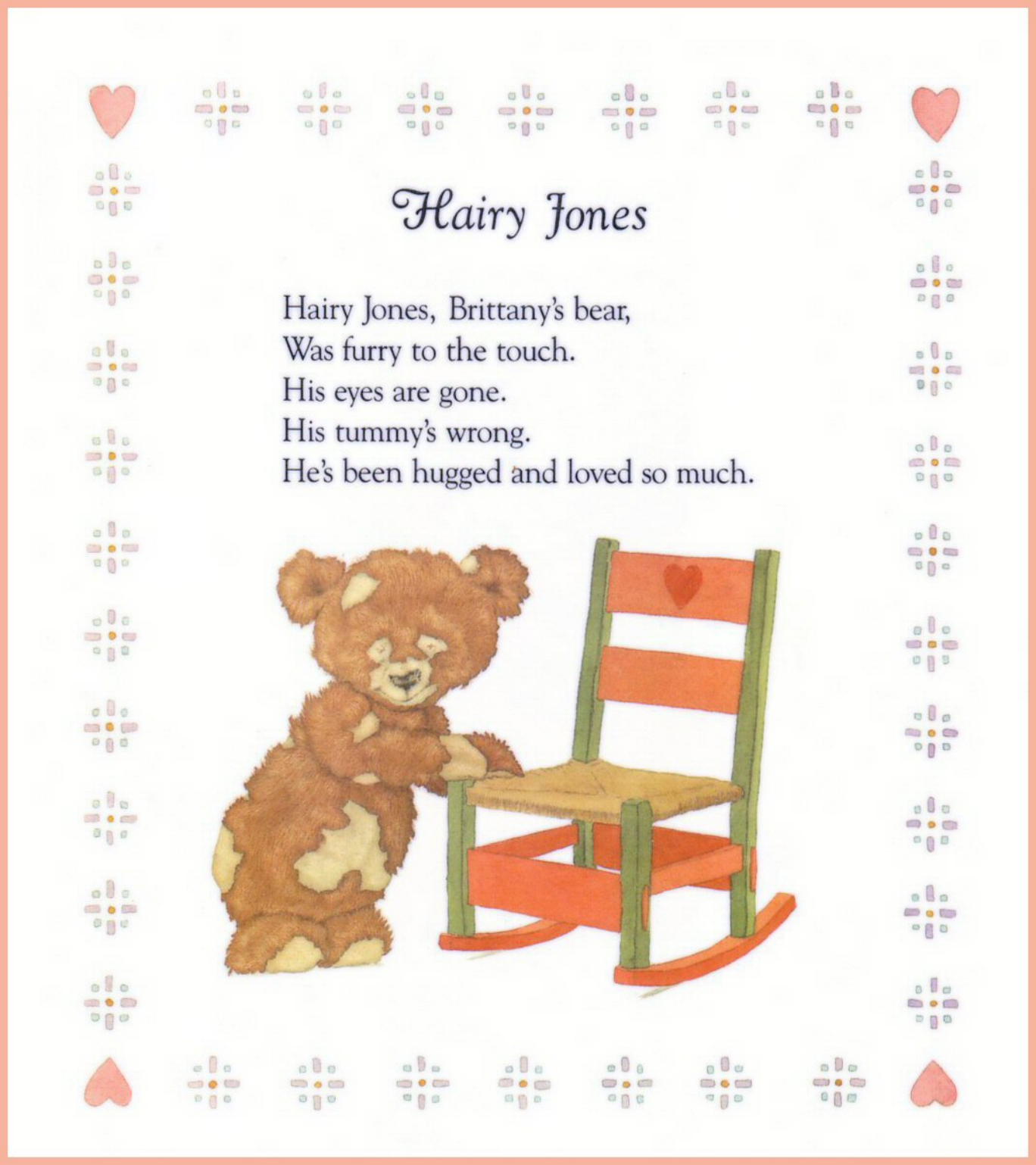
Here we go,
There we go.
Never mind how fast we go,
The speed is go-as-you-please.



Here we go,
There we go.
Never mind when we go,
It's back in the morning with me.

Here we go,
There we go.
Back into bed we go,
Home from the lullaby sea.



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Hairy Jones

Hairy Jones, Brittany's bear,
Was furry to the touch.
His eyes are gone.
His tummy's wrong.
He's been hugged and loved so much.





Hide-and-Seek

Eleanor lost her teddy bear.
She thought he'd run away.
She tried to find him everywhere
And called, "Please come and play."

She begged her mother, "Come and help."
"Of course I will," Mom said.
They found him playing hide-and-seek
Underneath her bed.





My Friend

My teddy bear is soft and brown.
His heart is warm and good.
No matter if I laugh or frown,
I know I'm understood.





