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## DEDICATION

With great pleasure and honour,  
I present this book, “**Ten verses one heart**”  
to my ever-loving mother, father, sister,  
and family.

To my dear friends, and the dedicated  
teachers and principals who have  
shaped my journey,  
this work is a testament of my gratitude and  
appreciation for the invaluable roles you've  
played in my life.

Thank you for your unwavering support,  
guidance, and love.

## Foreword

Literary development is a yardstick to measure the development of a country. The Kotte and Dambadeniya eras stand out in the history of the world because they were literary enlightening periods. If so, this is the golden period in the history of the *Mahamaya* as well. This is the reason why our daughters have been enchanting through book writing for many years now. It is a special event that our writers have succeeded in building a culture of writing books in the school and spreading it to the entire school system and this time involving the global student community in it.

Beyond this, this time the school community itself has also decided to rebuild the past *Yatiwara* writing tradition in the country in order to pay tribute to the founder of our school, Karadana Atthadassi Thero.

The *Pirivena* student monks have also taken up book writing “The *Herana Gatkarani* “ project was introduced.

It is a matter of pride for me as the principal to lead the way in bringing about a qualitative change in the education of schools and *Pirivena* education through this academic and religious service, and it is also an achievement for the school.

This book, which is the result of recognizing one's innate talent at an early stage in life and turning to writing, will undoubtedly be a help for future education and future life.

Shashikala Senadheera,

Principal, Mahamaya Girls' Collage, Kandy.

## Poem 01

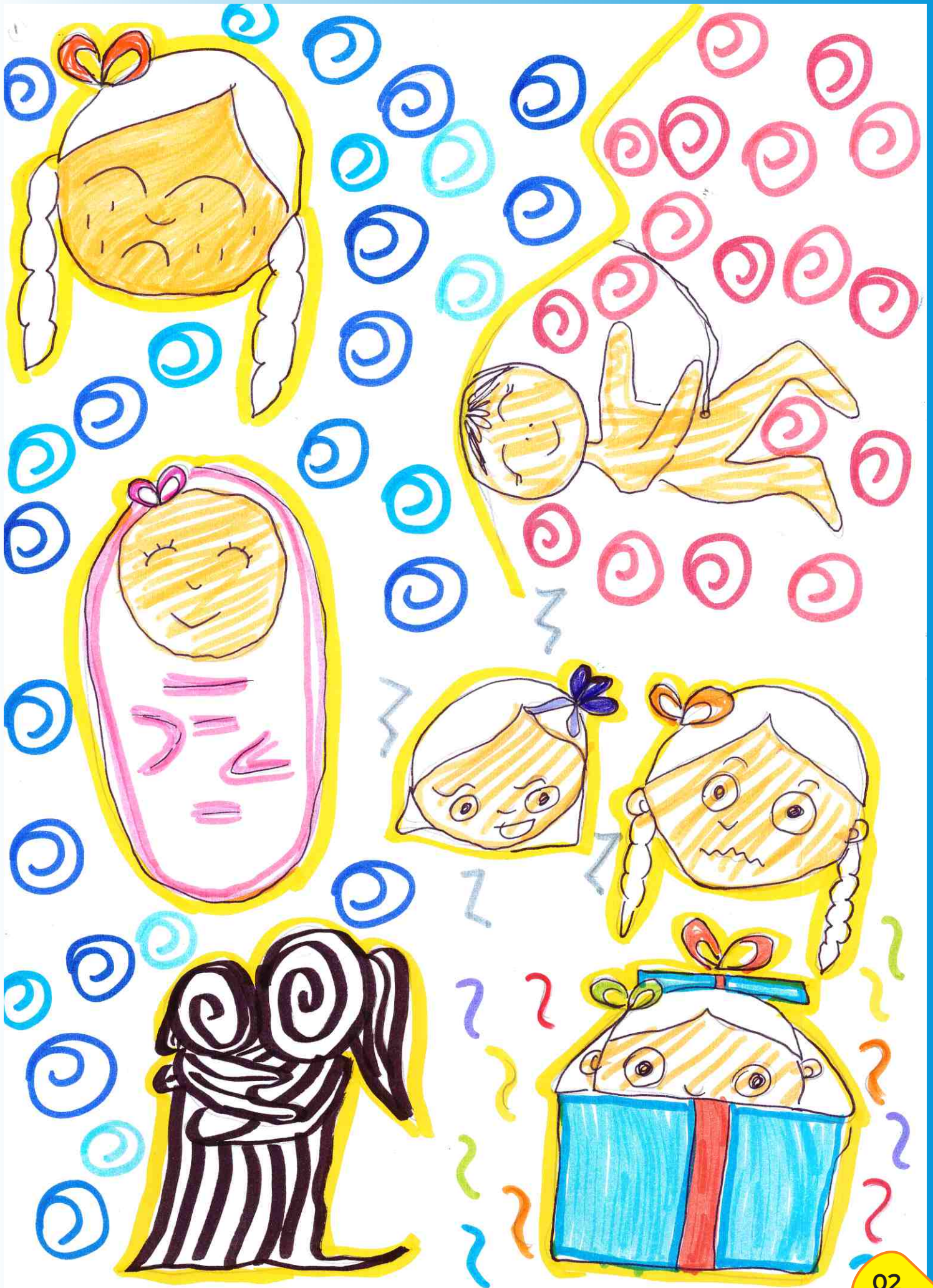
### The best gift

I was happy  
But little bit lonely  
So my mom gave me a doll  
to play a new role

She was so cute  
and helped me out  
always smiling  
my stress went out

But at night  
Not so right  
If I don't obey her rule  
I'm just doomed

But what ever happens  
I love your little cuddles  
My baby sister Kawi  
The best gift I deserve



## Poem 02

### My pet fish

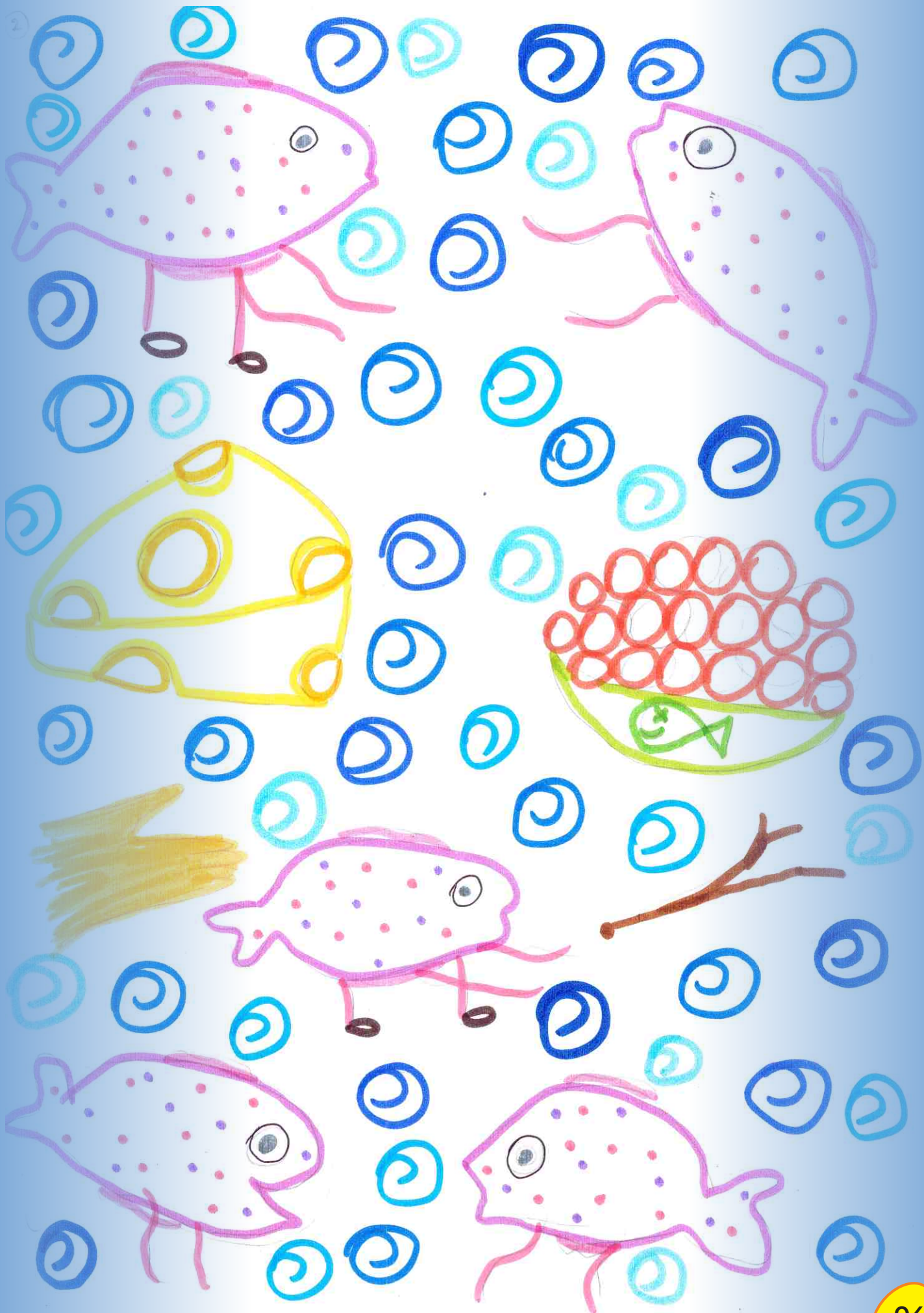
glob glob glob  
is all you say  
why can't you keep walking  
why just swim away

glob glob glob  
is all you say  
why not eat cheese  
instead of eating fish meats

glob glob glob  
is all you say  
why can't you play  
fetch all day

glob glob glob  
is all you say  
why not a smile  
just an O shaped mouth

glob glob glob  
I wanted a perfect pet  
we are just too different  
to get close enough



## Poem 03

### Favourite Colour

What's your favourite colour

Asked my friend

I need to think

I then said

What about yellow

The skys are blue

Purples nice

But pink is mine

Red is for fruits

Green is grass

Brown is chocolate

Black is dark

Silver is good

Gold is bright

Nothing is good

So every colour is fine



## Poem 04

### Love you Parents

She is fair

She is nice

She is kind

And it's my mom

He is honest

He is a Super Man

He loves my talents

And it's my dad

They gave me knowledge

They gave me sight

I love them forever

Parents my life



**Dark Friend**

I have a friend  
She is dark so dark  
She loves to come with me  
Wherever I go

She is tall at morning  
And short at noon  
I can't see her any where  
When the night sky glow

If you want to know who she is  
You have to guess first oh please  
Now I'm about to say her name  
It's my shadow indeed



SHADOW

## Poem 06

### Bubbles

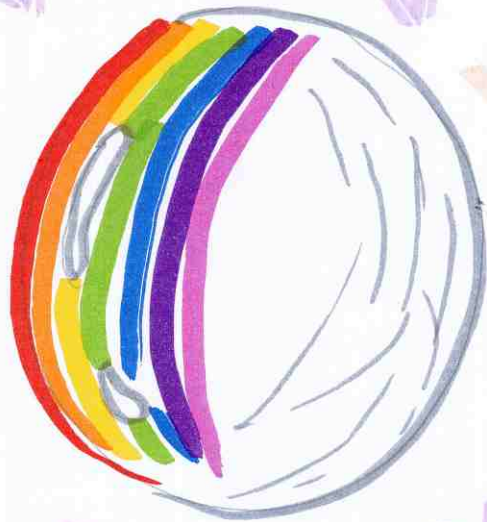
Pop pop Pop  
up goes the bubbles  
Pop pop Pop  
Colourful as scribbles

Pop pop Pop  
Who is in there  
Pop pop Pop  
A little girl in the air

Pop pop Pop  
up to the skys  
Pop back down  
oh my god! the girl is dead



BUBBLE  
MAKER  
K + K



DID THE  
BUBBLE GIRL

oh.... oh....

## Poem 07

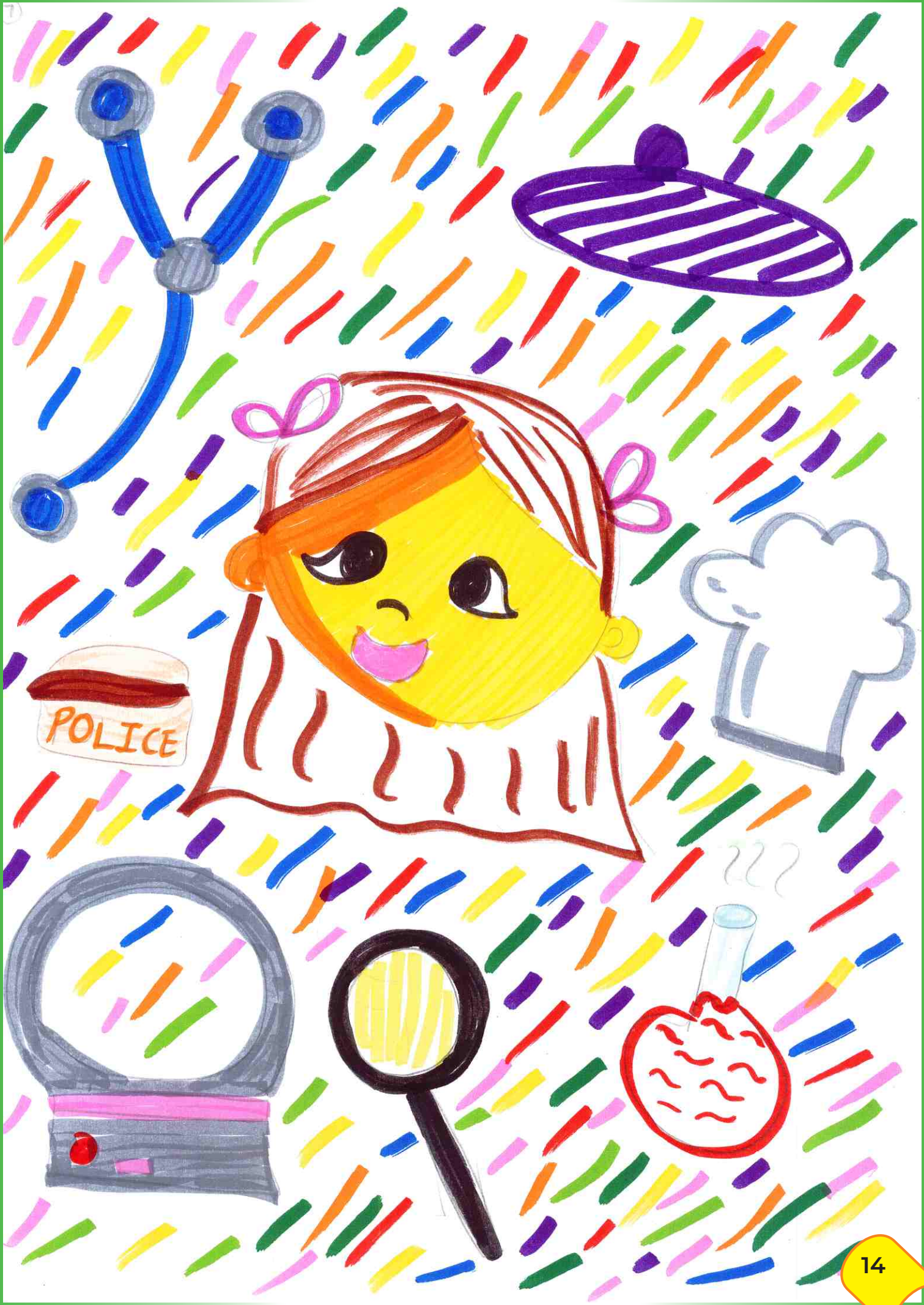
### **Ambition**

What's your ambition  
My mommy will ask  
I need to think  
It will be a task

I could be a doctor  
I could give medicine to you  
Or I'll be a teacher  
Who teaches dancing too

What about a vet  
To pat on a cat's neck  
A scientist who's brave  
To give the world a shake

What about a fire woman  
A great artist too  
Oh I know what's the best  
Everything and more



## Poem 08

### Why can't

Why can't I fly  
While all the birds can  
Why can't I dive  
without an oxygen tank

Why can't I go  
out to the shop  
While my elder sister  
Suddhi does that all

Why can't I carry  
My baby sister kawi  
When my big daddy man  
Even carries me

Why can't I drive  
Why can't I cook  
Why can't I do anything  
That my mind says cool



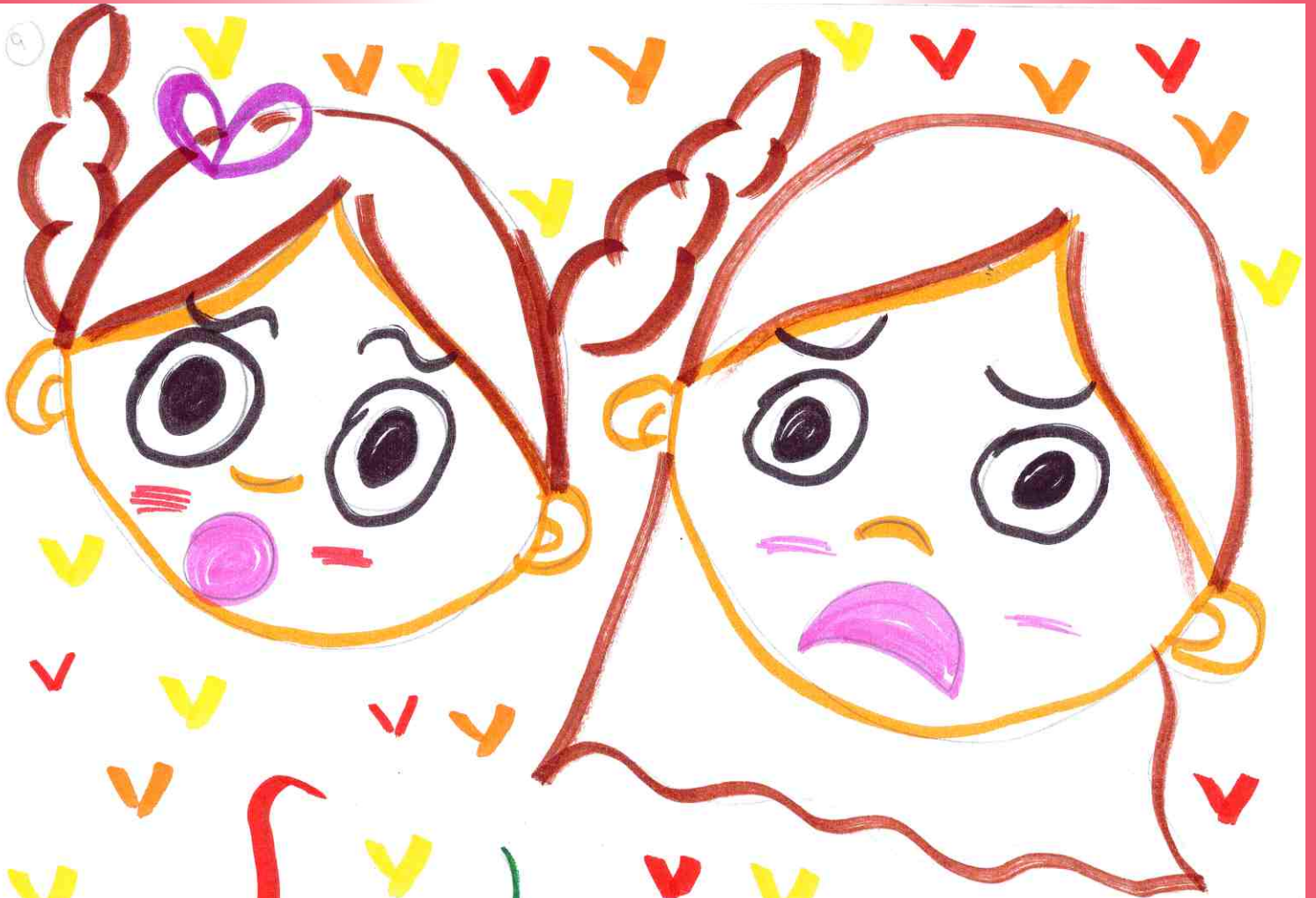
## Poem 09

### Feelings

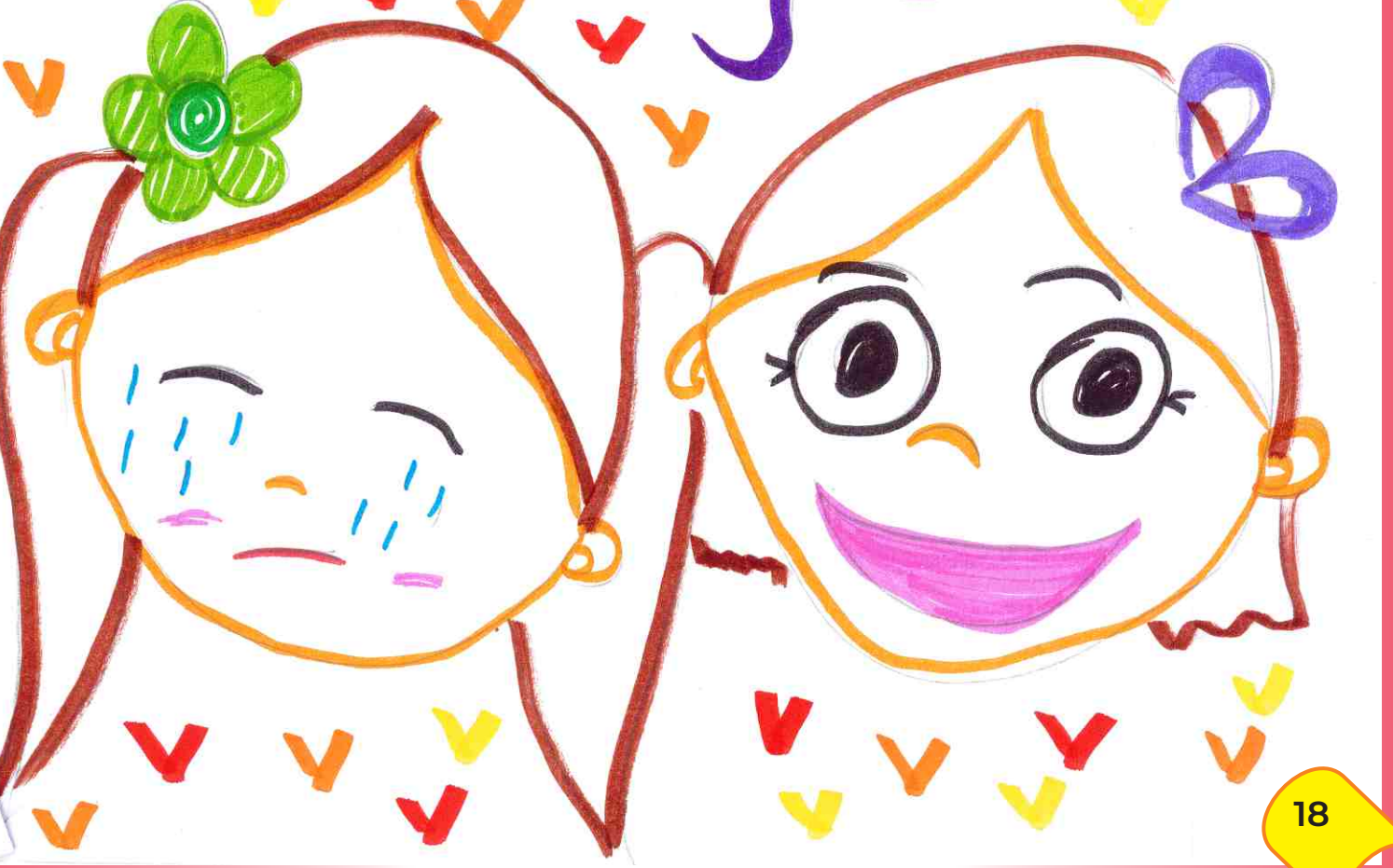
I get many feelings  
In many different ways  
In many different events  
And this is how the poem waves

When my sister says no  
I get angry oh no  
When my feather collection fly  
I get sad then I cry

When I'm along in the dark  
It is too much so I'm Scared  
And every time I get these feelings  
I'm happy and I laugh



feelings



## Poem 10

### What I want for Christmas

What do you want for christmas  
Santa sent me a letter  
Mommy said on 21<sup>st</sup>  
Right at 12 noon

What about a scooter  
Or sculpture of a duck  
Maybe a colourful felt pen set  
Or a teddy with a rug

Give me a Book of Fairy tales  
No I want a pet  
What about a game tablet  
Or a treasure with a map

What about vampire fans  
A costume of a witch  
Santa give me everything  
And lot more things to see



— The End —



## Afterward

According to my concept, under the project that has been running since 2014 to direct school children to writing, we have been fortunate to have planted more than sixty thousand writer seedlings in the local literary field. The objectives of this project are to improve the quality of education, to promote literature that will contribute to the future development of the country, to hone the abilities of the future generation, and to build a platform to showcase the creations of children.

It is our social responsibility to create the fertile soil for those seeds to sprout and grow. This is the only project in recent history that has been implemented continuously for several years at the school level, provincial, national and international levels for the sake of the productivity of education. This time, it is special that the *Pirivena* student monks have also been involved in this. The nation should be grateful for the dedication shown by the Principal, daughters, teachers, parents and alumni of *Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya*.

The printed book is still the main tool of our education. The enjoyment that a child gets from a book cannot be provided by anything else.

It is experimentally proven that the use of various electronic devices to store human knowledge and the distancing of children from books has been detrimental to the quality of education and has created various problems in society. This project, which is being implemented as a solution to this, has been adapting the smart younger generation of the digital age to modern technology by writing electronic works for the past two years, together with school children in the country.

To take their creations to international readers, Mahamaya girls have built a digital fiction for their own, literary creative abilities.

My congratulations to the young writers who have entered it through their creative abilities.

Project Founder and Coordinator,  
Senevirathne Maha Lekam