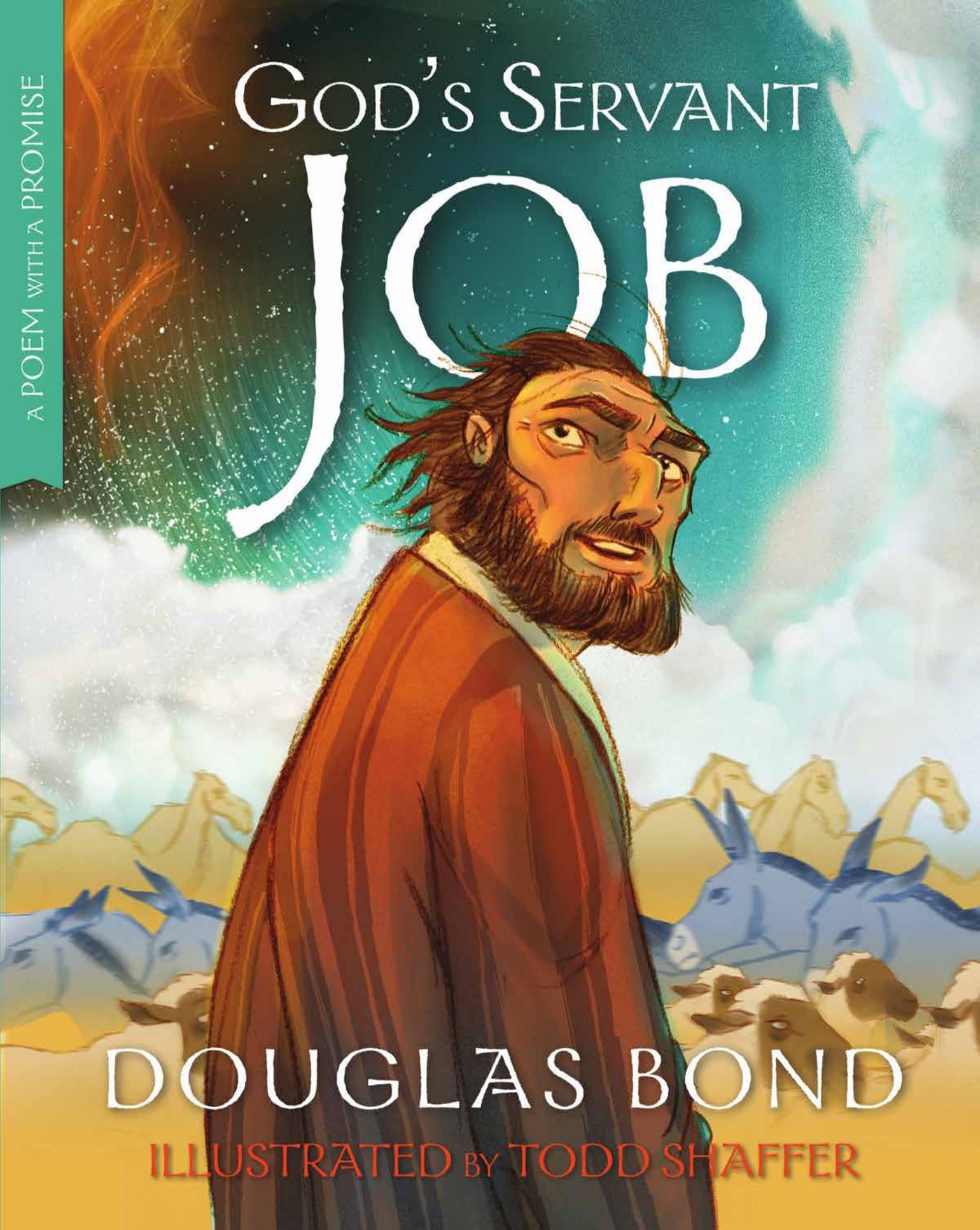


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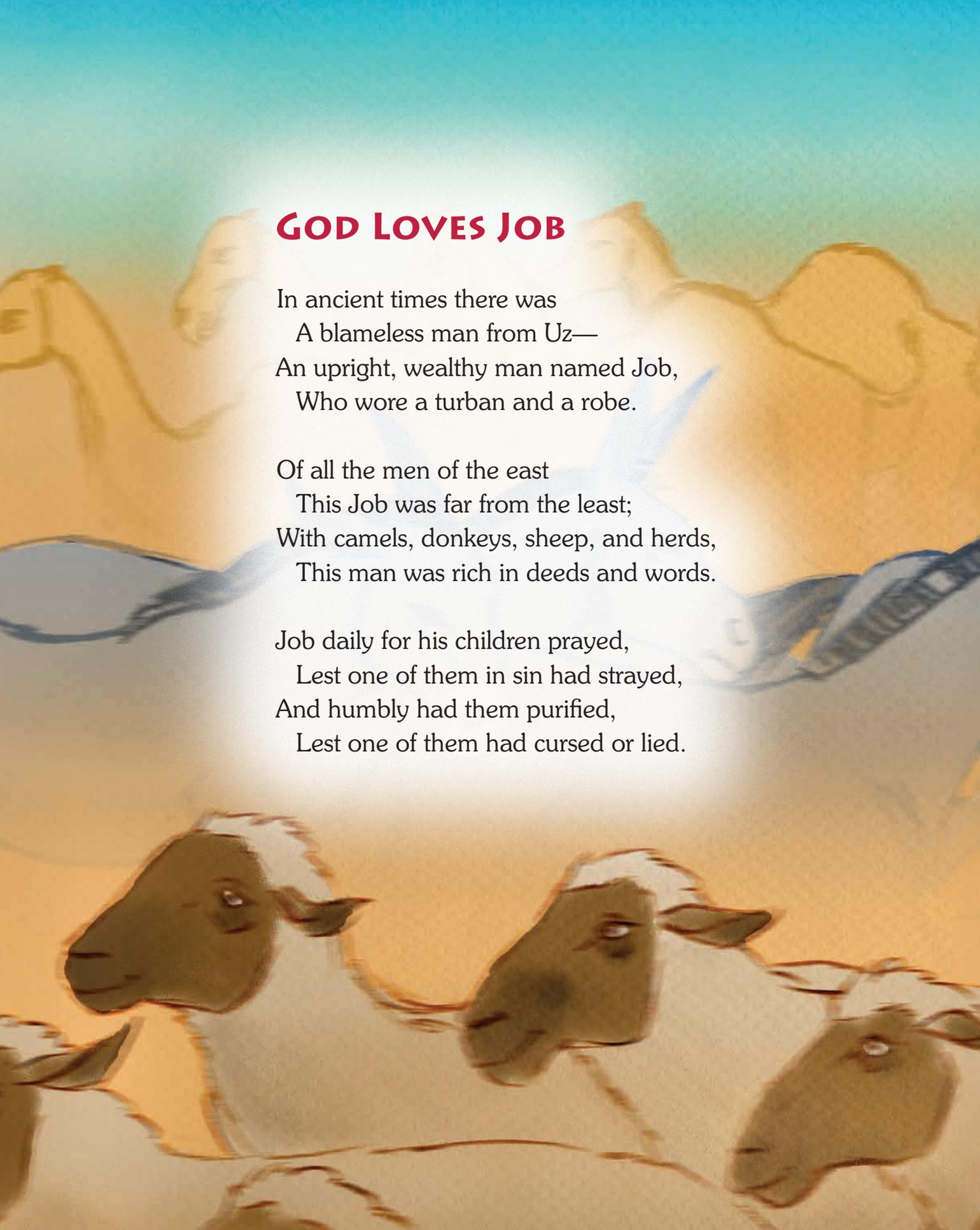
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The background of the page is a soft, painterly illustration of a desert scene. In the upper half, several camels are depicted in profile, facing right, rendered in warm, golden-brown tones. Below them, a blue bird, possibly a falcon or eagle, is shown in flight, its wings spread wide. In the lower half, a herd of sheep with white wool and brown faces is shown, also facing right. The overall color palette is warm and natural, with a light blue sky at the top and a golden-brown ground at the bottom.

GOD LOVES JOB

In ancient times there was
A blameless man from Uz—
An upright, wealthy man named Job,
Who wore a turban and a robe.

Of all the men of the east
This Job was far from the least;
With camels, donkeys, sheep, and herds,
This man was rich in deeds and words.

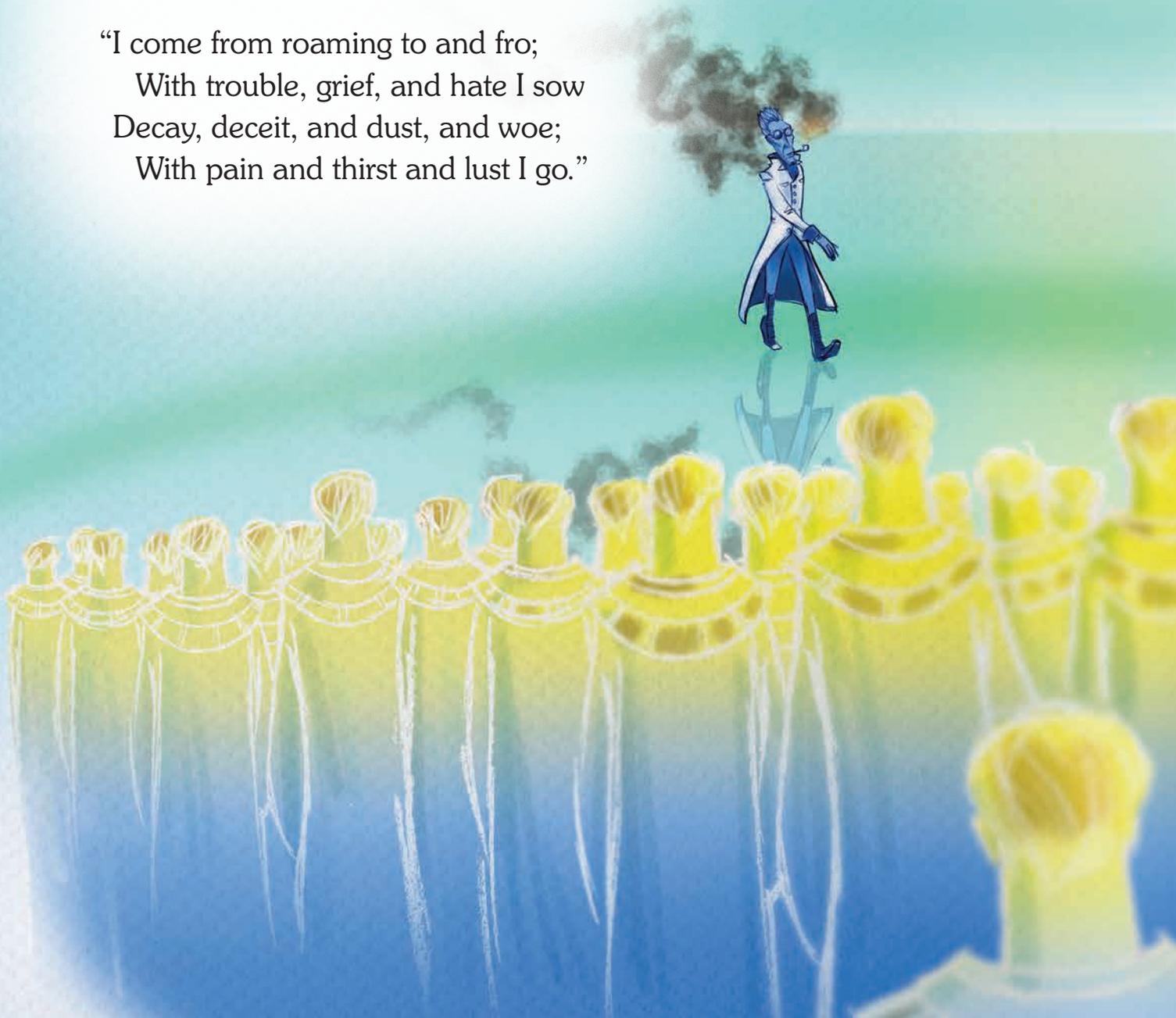
Job daily for his children prayed,
Lest one of them in sin had strayed,
And humbly had them purified,
Lest one of them had cursed or lied.



One day the angels gathered 'round God's throne,
And with them—reeking of brimstone—
Came Satan,
Brazen and blatant.

Then God asked Satan,
“From where have you arrived?”
The fallen fiend replied
(While God's high throne he eyed),

“I come from roaming to and fro;
With trouble, grief, and hate I sow
Decay, deceit, and dust, and woe;
With pain and thirst and lust I go.”



God asks Satan a question: “Have you considered my servant Job?”

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