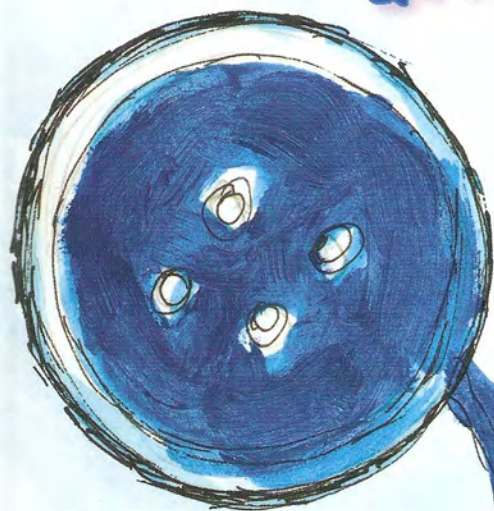


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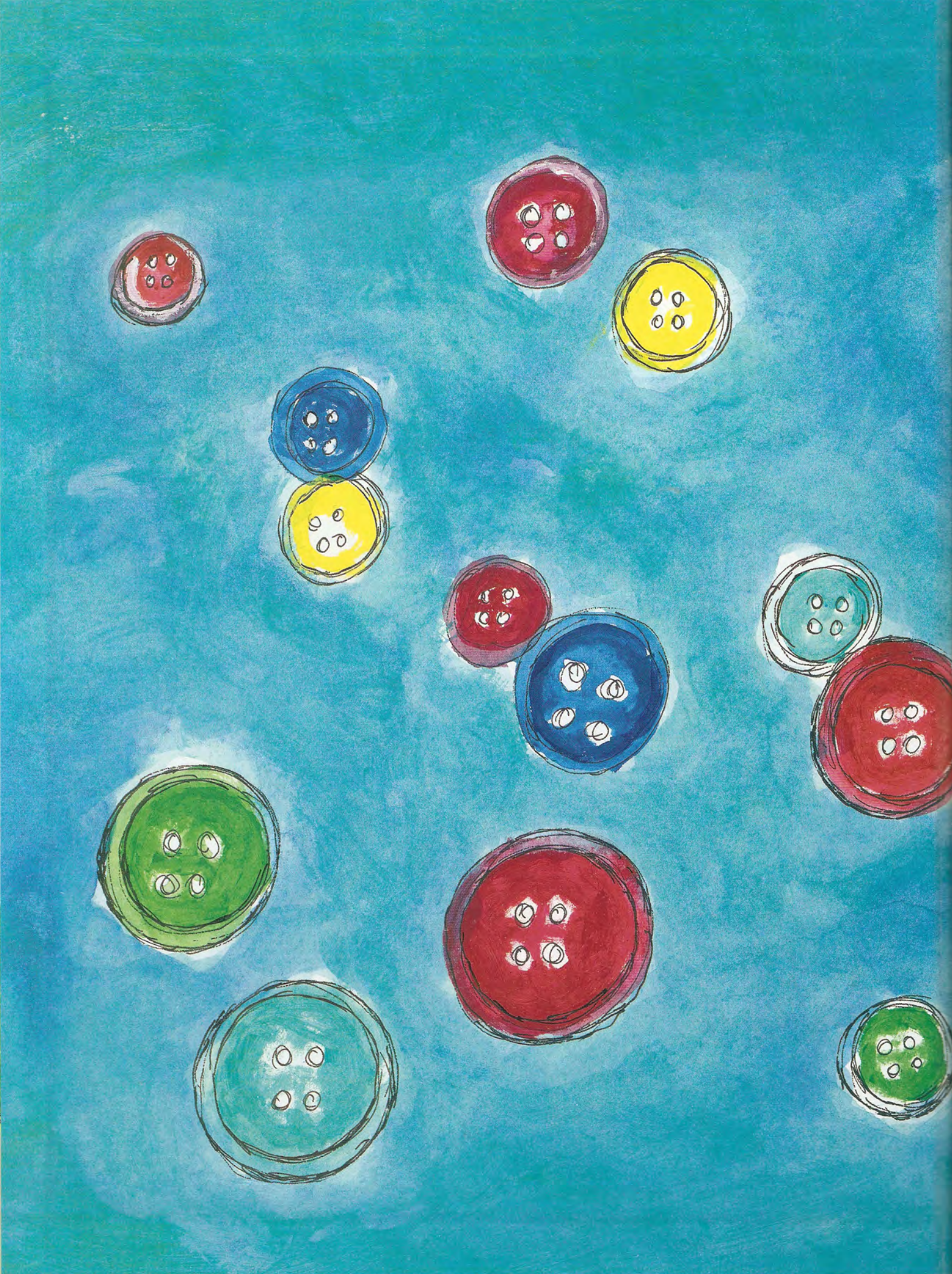
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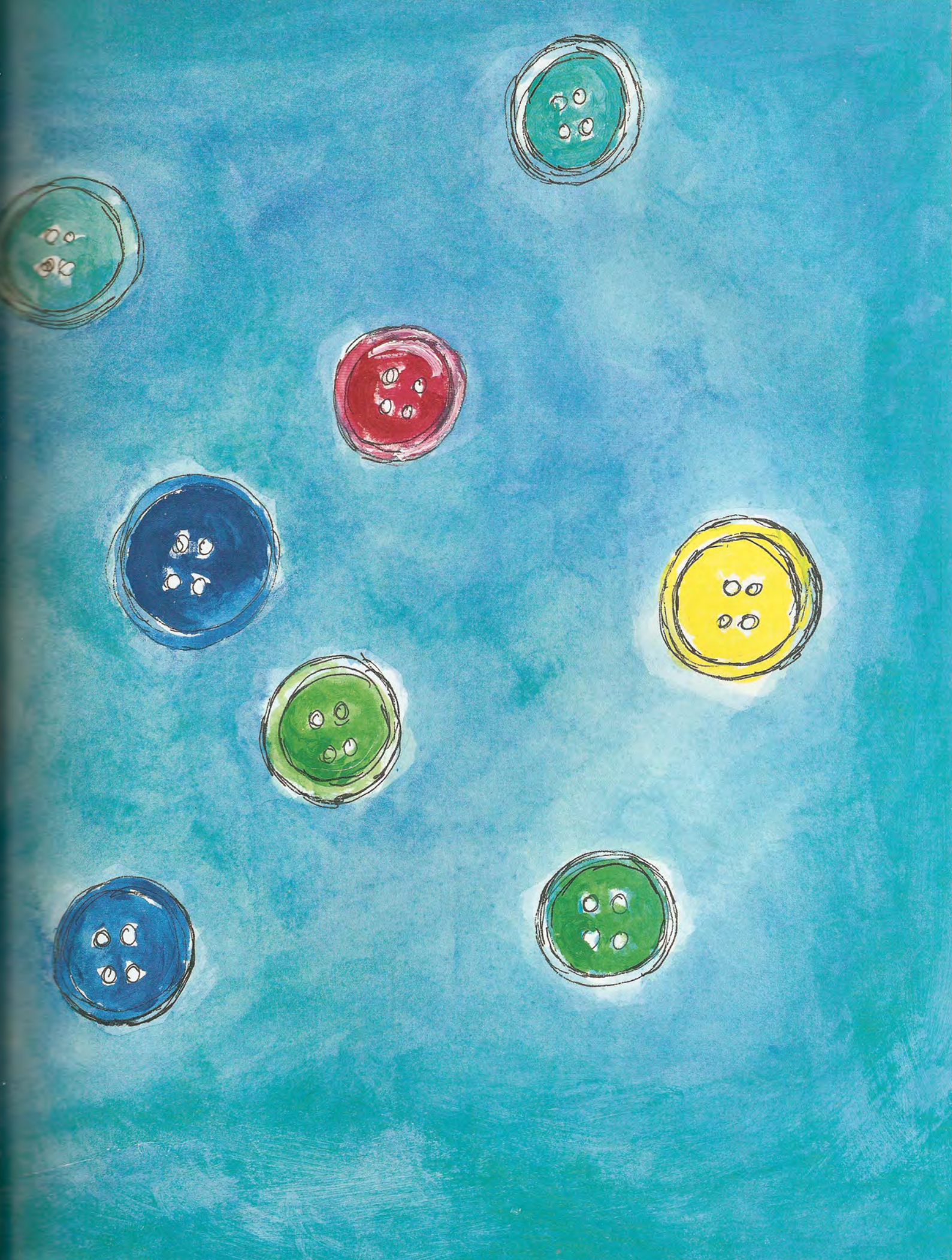


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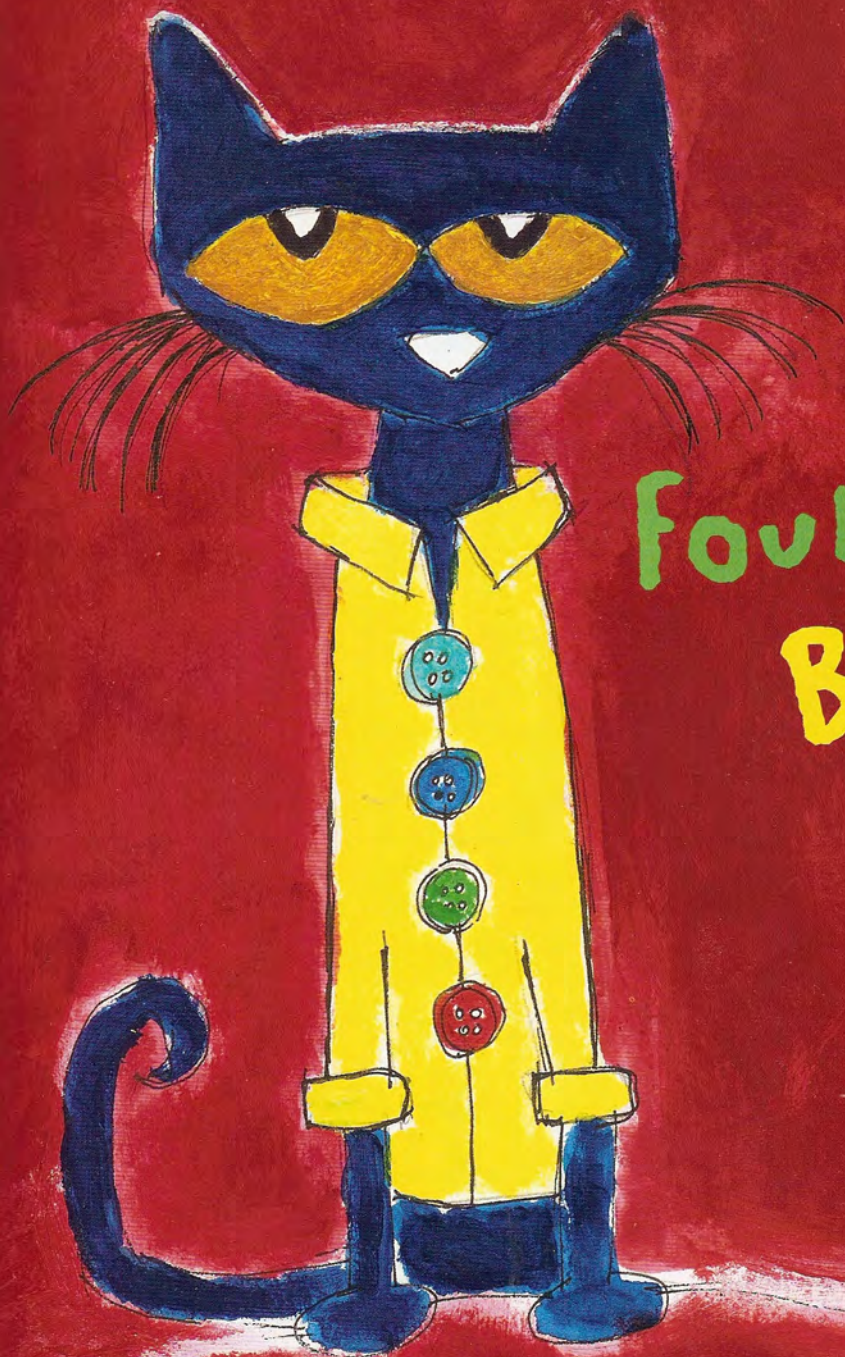
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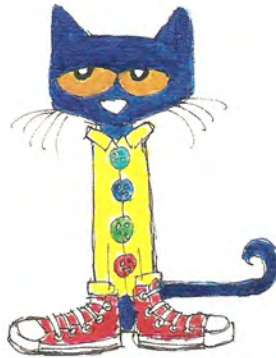
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To Trey and Destiny  
Always be honest, give more than you take,  
and follow your dreams.

—J.D.

To Zelda Litwin, my mother,  
whose creative spirit nurtured my imagination.

—E.L.

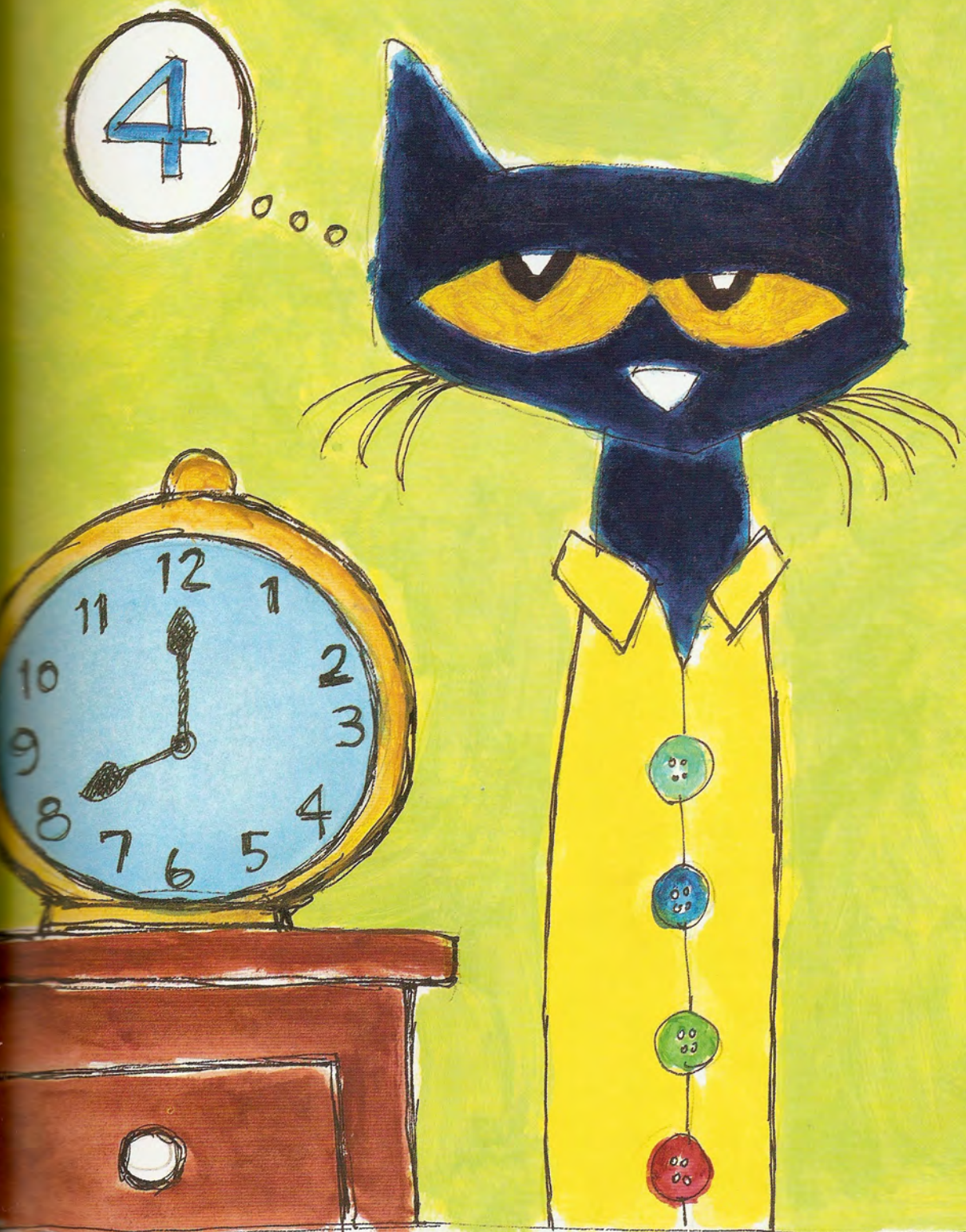




**P**ete the Cat put on his favorite shirt with four big, colorful, round, groovy buttons.

He loved his buttons so much, he sang this song:

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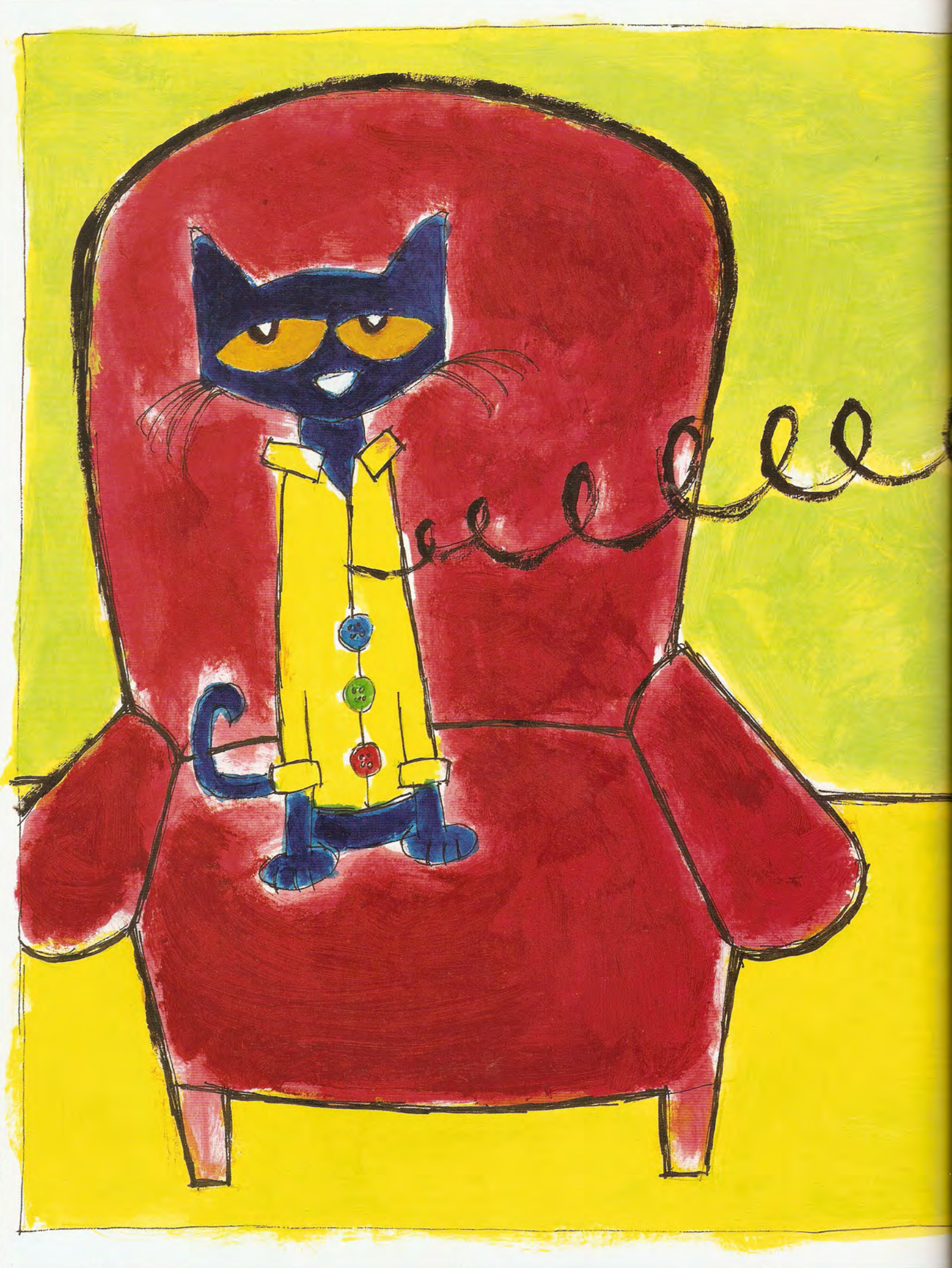




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"My buttons, my buttons,  
my **four** groovy buttons.  
My buttons, my buttons,  
my **four** groovy buttons."



POP!



OH NO!

One of the buttons popped off  
and rolled away.

How many buttons are left?

THREE



$$4 - 1 = 3$$



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groovy!



Did Pete cry?

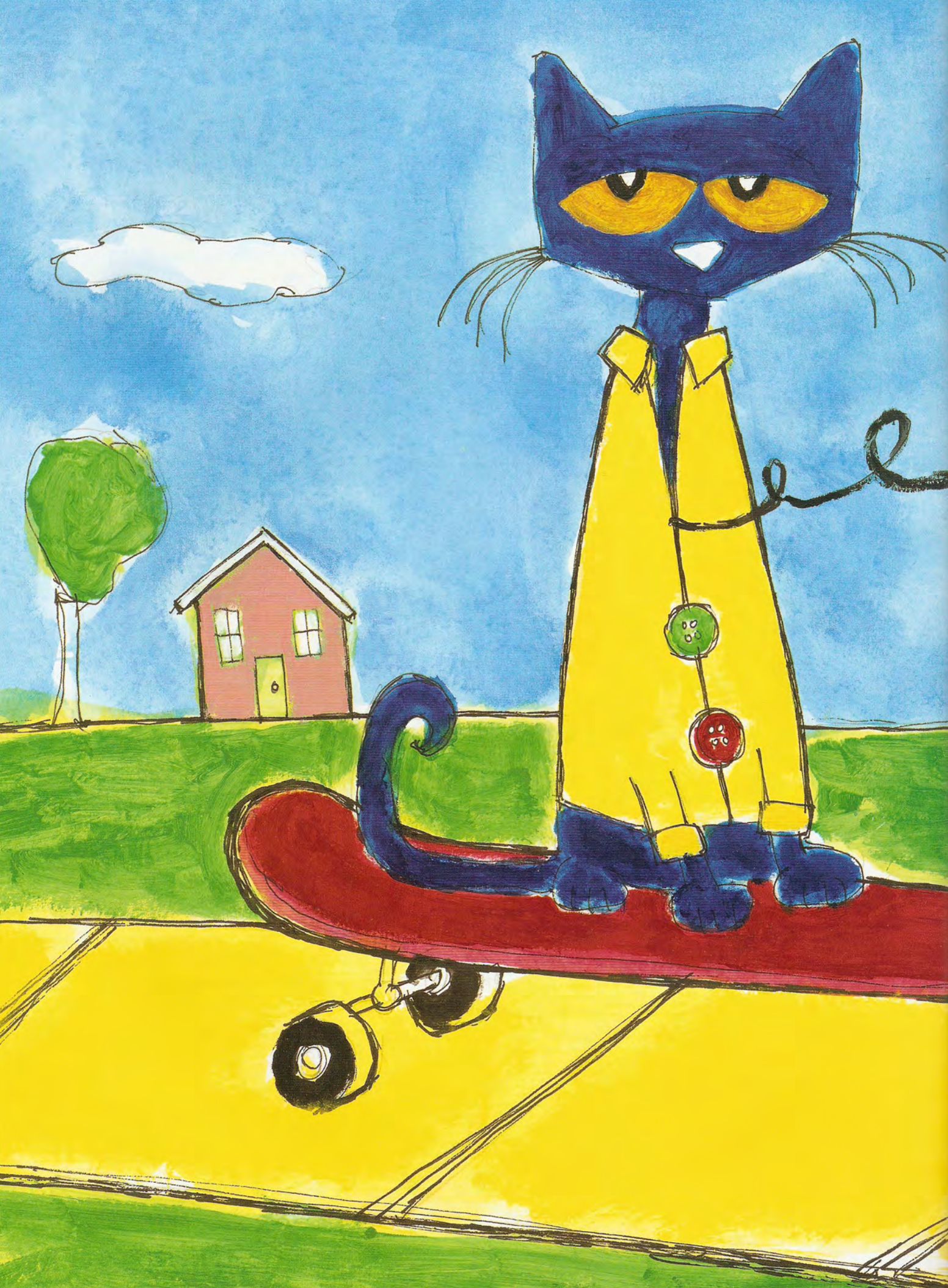
Goodness, no!

Buttons come and buttons go.

He kept on singing his song:

"My buttons, my buttons,  
my three groovy buttons.

My buttons, my buttons,  
my three groovy buttons."



POOP!

OH NO!



Another button popped off and rolled away!

How many buttons are left?



TWO



$$3 - 1 = 2$$

Did Pete cry?

Goodness, no!

Buttons come and  
buttons go.



He kept on singing his song:

"My buttons, my buttons,  
my two groovy buttons.

My buttons, my buttons,  
my two groovy buttons."





POP!  
OH NO!



Another button popped off and rolled away!

How many buttons are left?

ONE



$$2 - 1 = 1$$



Did Pete cry?

Goodness, no!

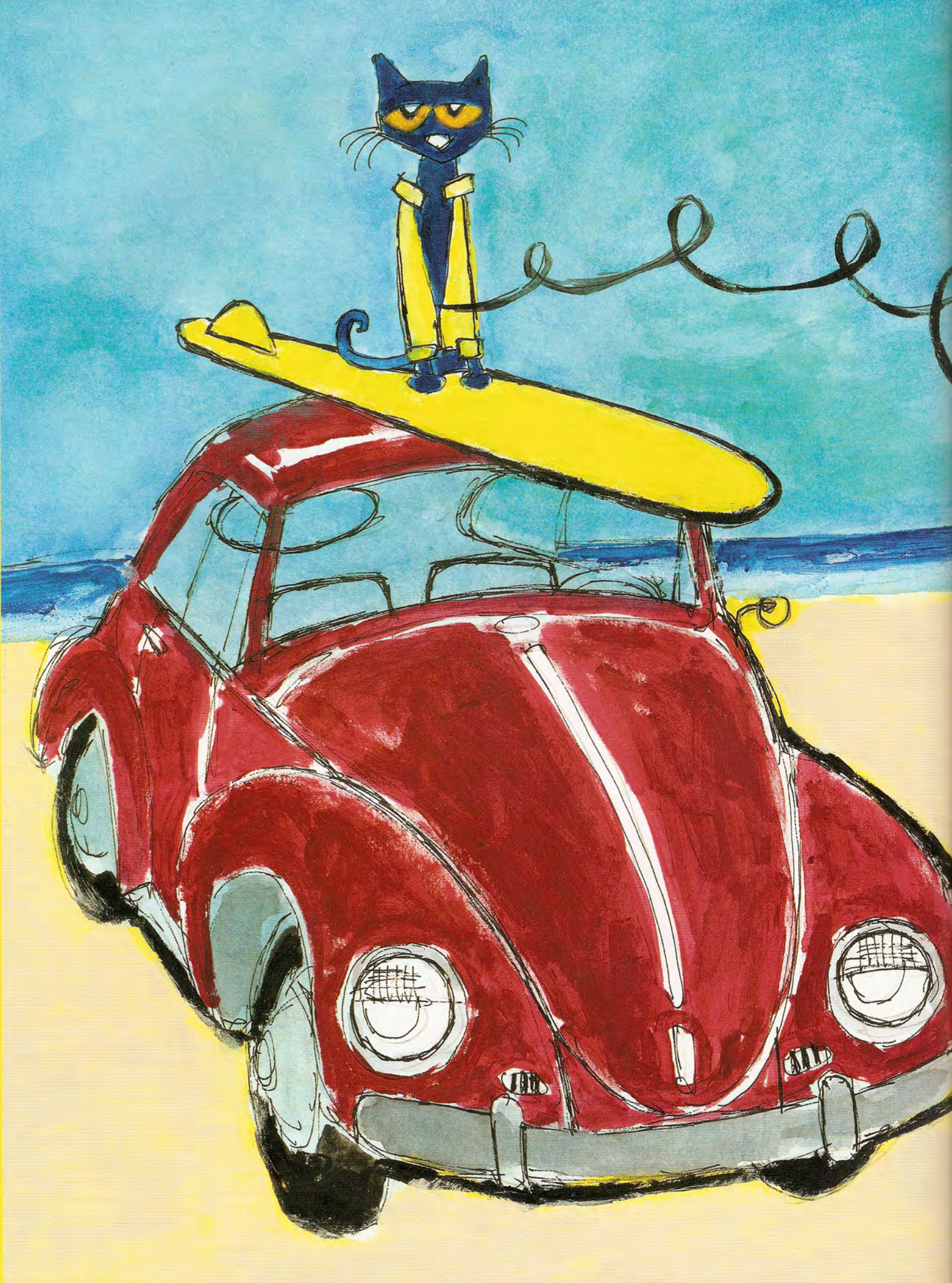
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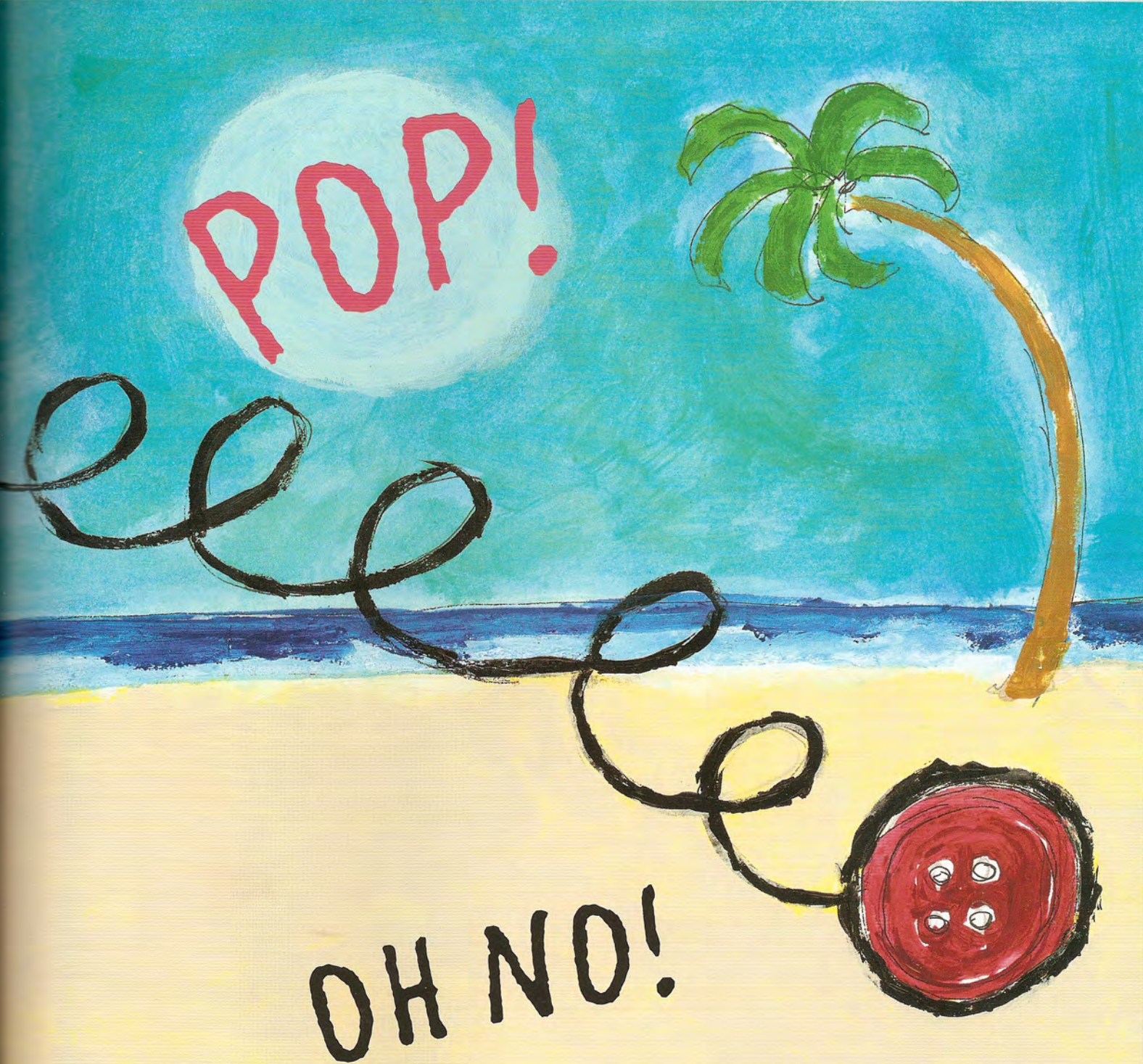


He kept on singing his song:

"My button, my button,  
my **one** groovy button.

My button, my button,  
my **one** groovy button."





The last button popped off and rolled away!

How many buttons are left?

ZERO

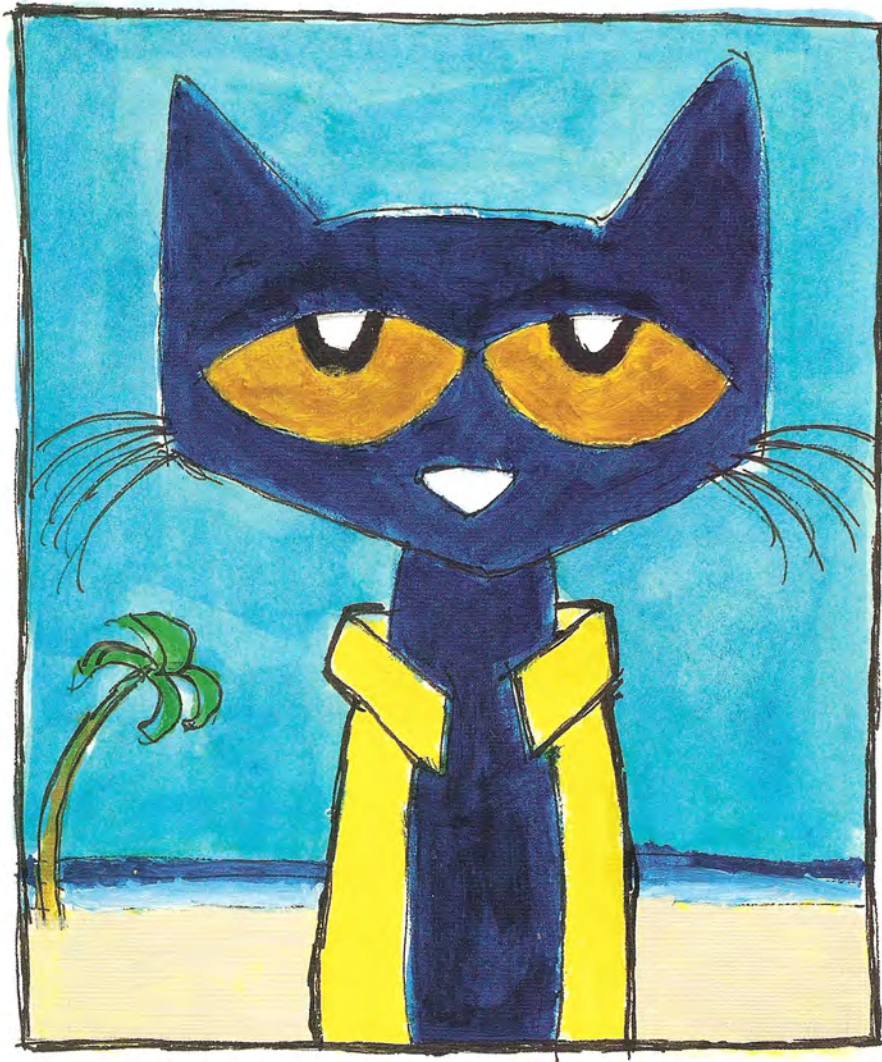


$$1 - 1 = 0$$

Did Pete cry?

Goodness, no!

Buttons come and buttons go.



Pete looked down at his buttonless shirt,  
and what do you think he saw?

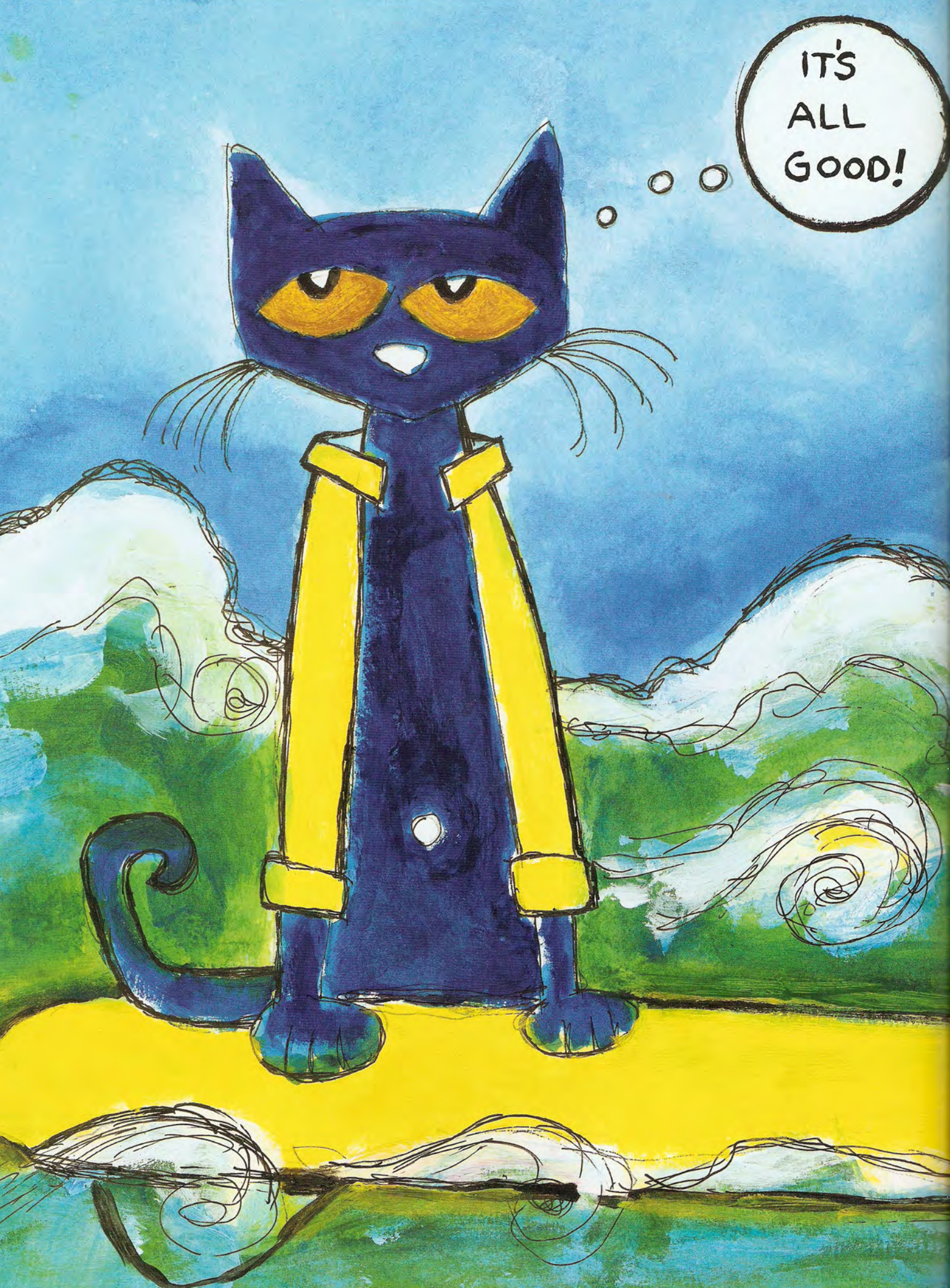
# HIS BELLY BUTTON!

And he kept on singing his song:





IT'S  
ALL  
GOOD!





"My button, my button,  
still have my belly button.  
My button, my button,  
still have my belly button."

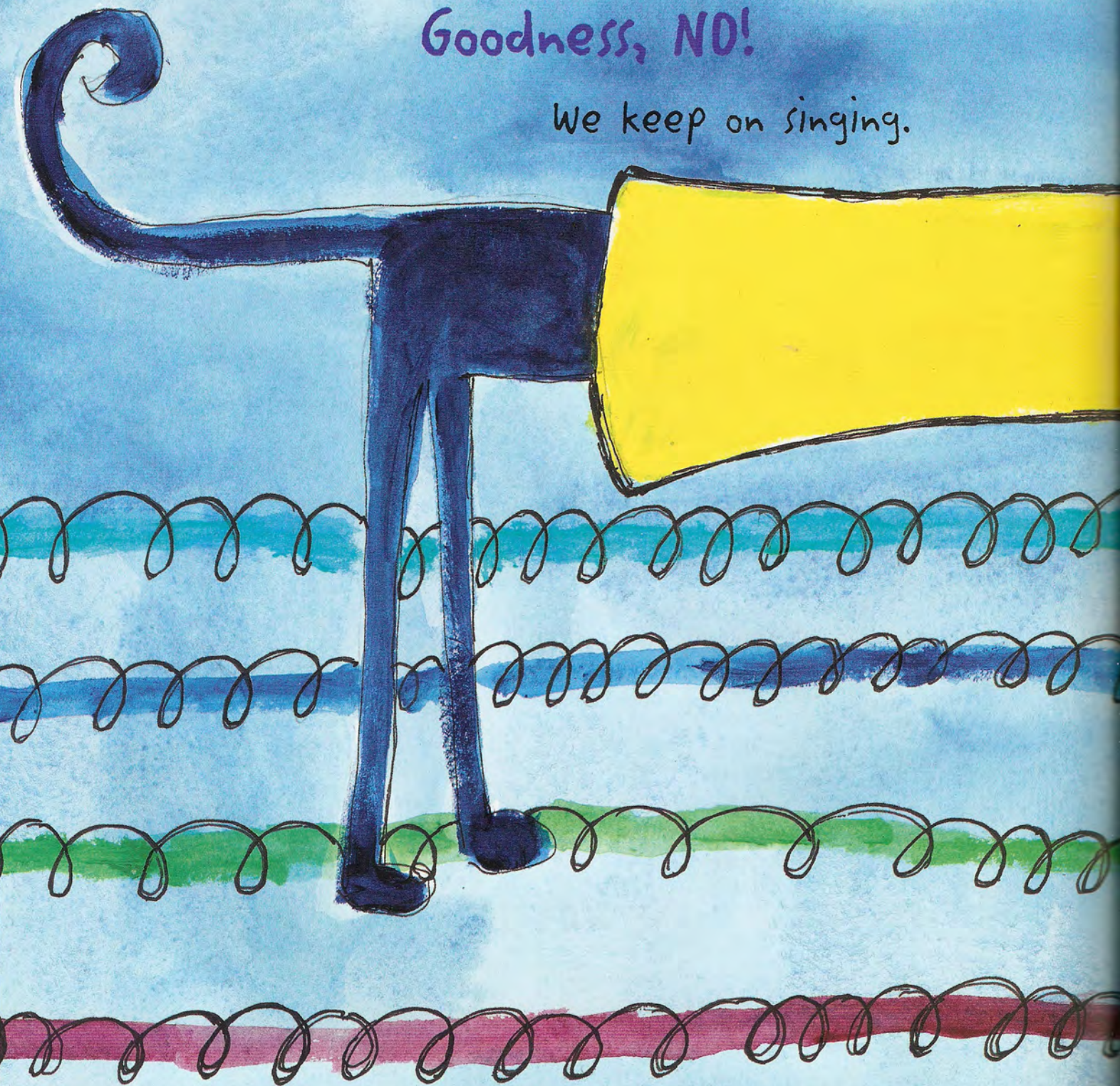


I guess it simply goes to show that stuff will  
come and stuff will go.

But do we cry?

Goodness, NO!

We keep on singing.



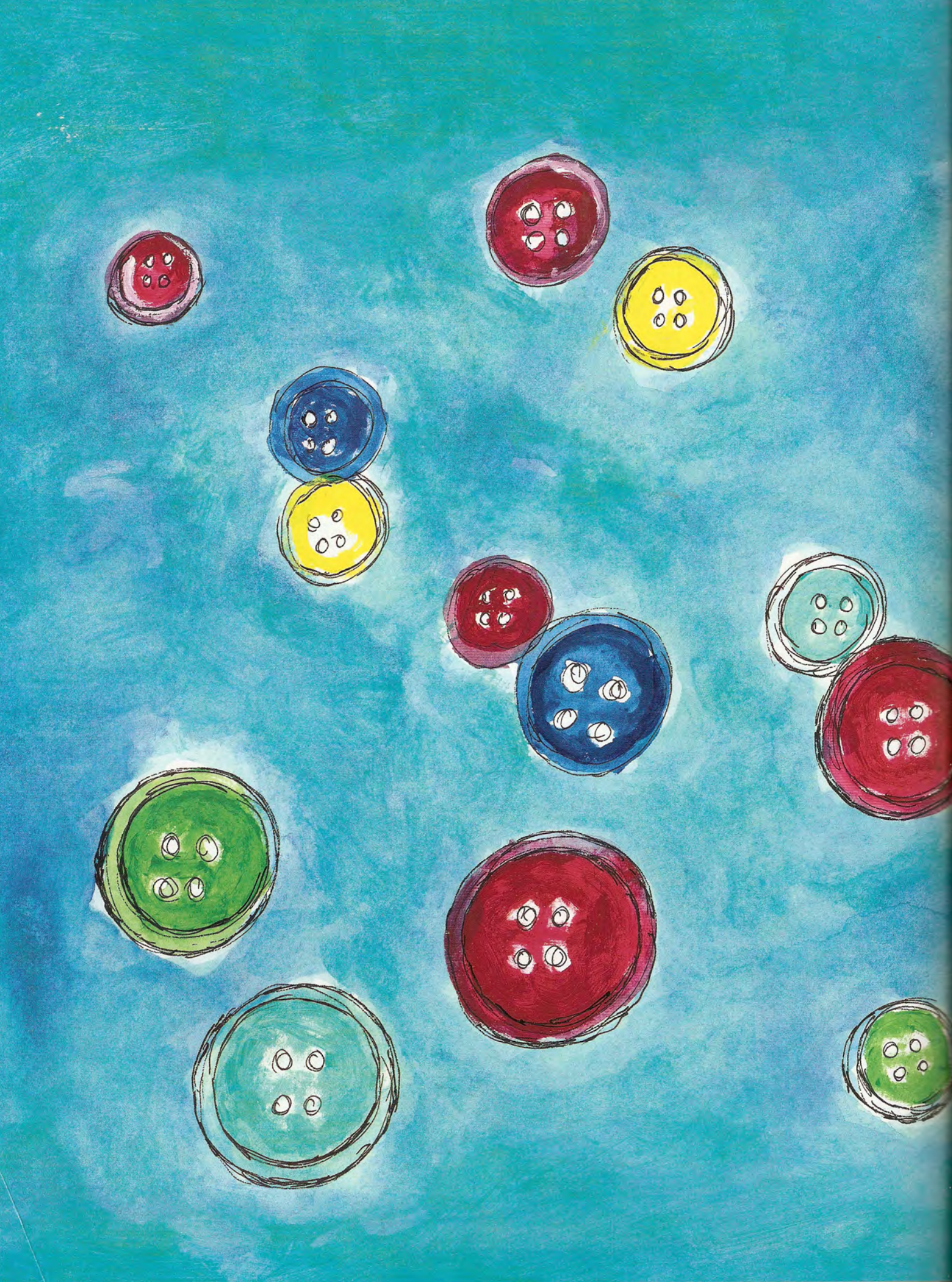




Buttons come and buttons go.









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