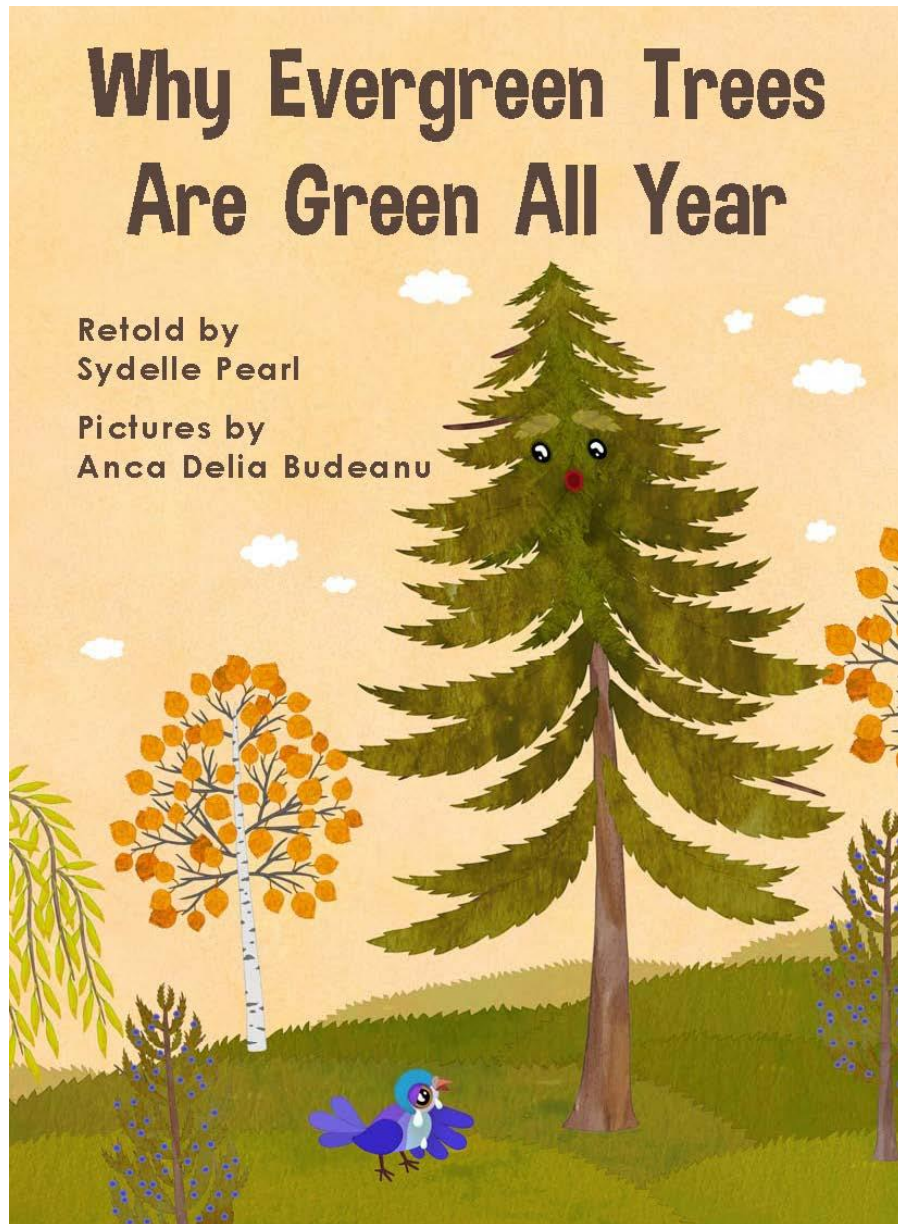


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Characters:

Three Big Birds

One Little Bird

Oak Tree

Willow Tree

Pine Tree

North Wind

Sun

Moon

Snowflakes

North Wind

Flowers

The SUN is shining. OAK TREE, WILLOW TREE, and PINE TREE stand in a forest together. OAK and WILLOW are wearing their colorful autumn leaves. PINE is wearing her green needles.

NORTH WIND twirls around and blows and blows from one side of the stage to the other.

FIRST BIG BIRD : Oh! It feels chilly!

SECOND BIG BIRD: It's time to fly south! It will be warmer there.

THIRD BIG BIRD: Are your wings ready? Let's go!

The BIG BIRDS spread their wings and fly away.

LITTLE BIRD: Wait for me!! My wing is broken! I cannot fly! Oh! The big birds have flown away! What will I do now?

I must find a tree where I can stay for the winter.

LITTLE BIRD hops around, looking for a tree where he may be able to stay. He sees OAK TREE.

LITTLE BIRD: Oak Tree, I have a broken wing. I cannot fly. May I please stay with you for the winter? I will sing to you.

OAK TREE: No! I do not like little birds. They eat my acorns.

LITTLE BIRD: I will try to find another tree where I can stay for the winter.

LITTLE BIRD hops over to WILLOW TREE.

LITTLE BIRD: Willow Tree, I have a broken wing. I cannot fly. May I please stay with you for the winter? I will sing to you.

WILLOW TREE: No! I do not like little birds. They make nests in my branches.

LITTLE BIRD hops in front of PINE TREE. The NORTH WIND blows by.

LITTLE BIRD Maybe Pine Tree will help me. I feel so cold and sad and tired.

LITTLE BIRD begins to cry.

PINE TREE: (singing) Little Bird, I hear you crying and it's so cold.

Snow on the way and the wind so bold.

Come to me and my branches will hold you.

PINE TREE hugs LITTLE BIRD. LITTLE BIRD stops crying.

PINE TREE: Little Bird, please stay with me for the winter. You will be safe. Your wing will get better and we can sing together.

LITTLE BIRD: Thank you so much, Pine Tree. I will stay with you. You are very kind.

SUN steps down from the chair and MOON steps up and shines. PINE TREE and LITTLE BIRD close their eyes and go to sleep.

NORTH WIND blows by and pulls off some autumn leaves from Oak and Willow and the other trees too. NORTH WIND twirls in front of PINE TREE and stops. NORTH WIND taps PINE TREE. PINE TREE wakes up. LITTLE BIRD keeps sleeping.

NORTH WIND: Pine Tree, I am blowing the leaves off of the trees. You were so kind to Little Bird that I will not blow off your needles.

PINE TREE: (with her branches around Little Bird) Thank you, North Wind. Please blow quietly so Little Bird can sleep.

NORTH WIND quietly pulls off the leaves of Oak and Will and then leaves the stage.

MOON moves away and SUN steps up.

SNOWFLAKES dance across the stage and leave snow everywhere. They take away all of the autumn leaves that have fallen on the ground.

LITTLE BIRD sings a song to PINE TREE and PINE TREE smiles.

MOON steps down and SUN steps up.

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FLOWERS spring up from the grass. Two GREEN LEAVES twirl over to Oak and Willow and place the correct leaves on each tree. Then the GREEN LEAVES go offstage.

LITTLE BIRD: Oh! I can flap both wings now! My broken wing is healed!

PINE TREE: I am so happy for you, LITTLE BIRD.

LITTLE BIRD: I am so grateful to you, dear Pine Tree! You let me stay with you for the winter. I think you saved my life! Now it is spring. I will get ready to fly away.

PINE TREE: Oh, how I will miss you, dear Little Bird! Please say you will come back and visit with me! Please sing me a song before you fly away.

LITTLE BIRD: You are my dear friend, Pine Tree. Yes, I will come back and visit with you. I will sing a song for you. (LITTLE BIRD sings. PINE TREE moves to the music.)

Goodbye for now.

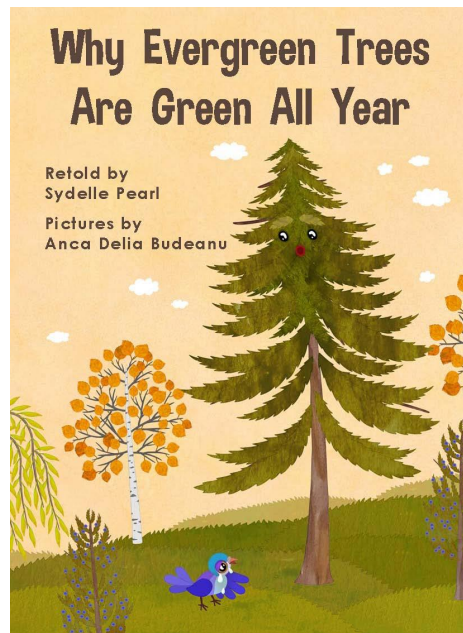
PINE TREE and LITTLE BIRD hug each other and wipe away their tears.

LITTLE BIRD flies away.

NORTH WIND blows across the stage and stops in front of PINE TREE.

NORTH WIND: Pine Tree, you were so kind to Little Bird that you will be able to keep your needles all year long. You will become known as an evergreen tree. You will always be green.

PINE TREE: Thank you very much, North Wind. It was my pleasure to help my dear friend, Little Bird.



THE END

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