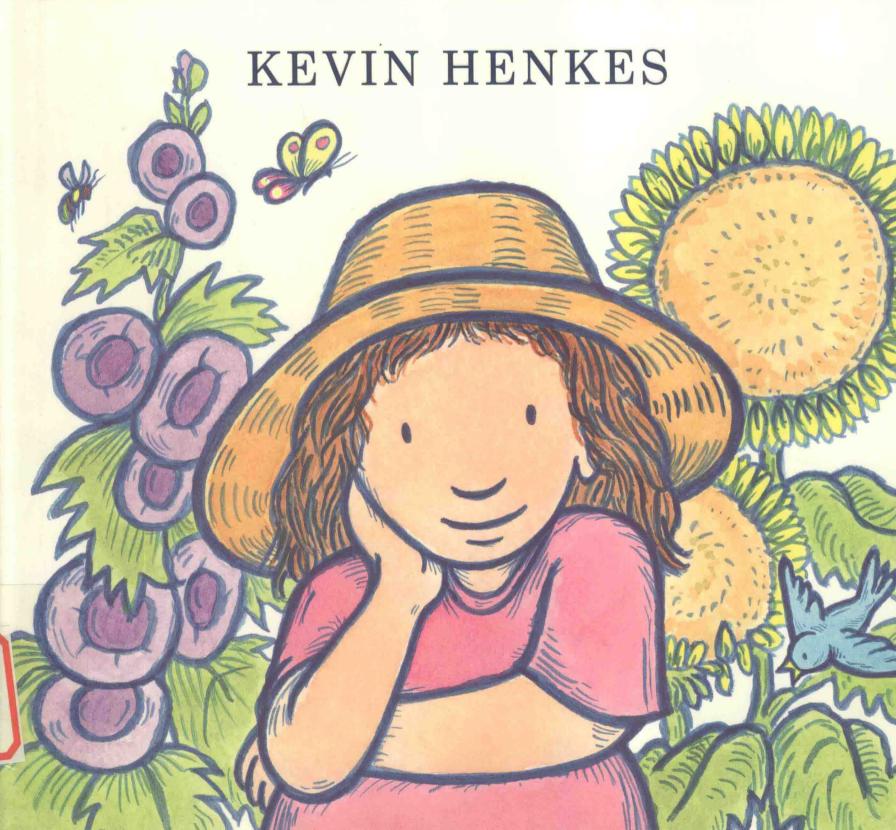
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For Altie



My mother has a garden.

I'm her helper. I water. I weed.

And I chase away the rabbits

so that they don't eat all the lettuce.

It's hard work, and my mother's garden is very nice,

but if I had a garden . . .

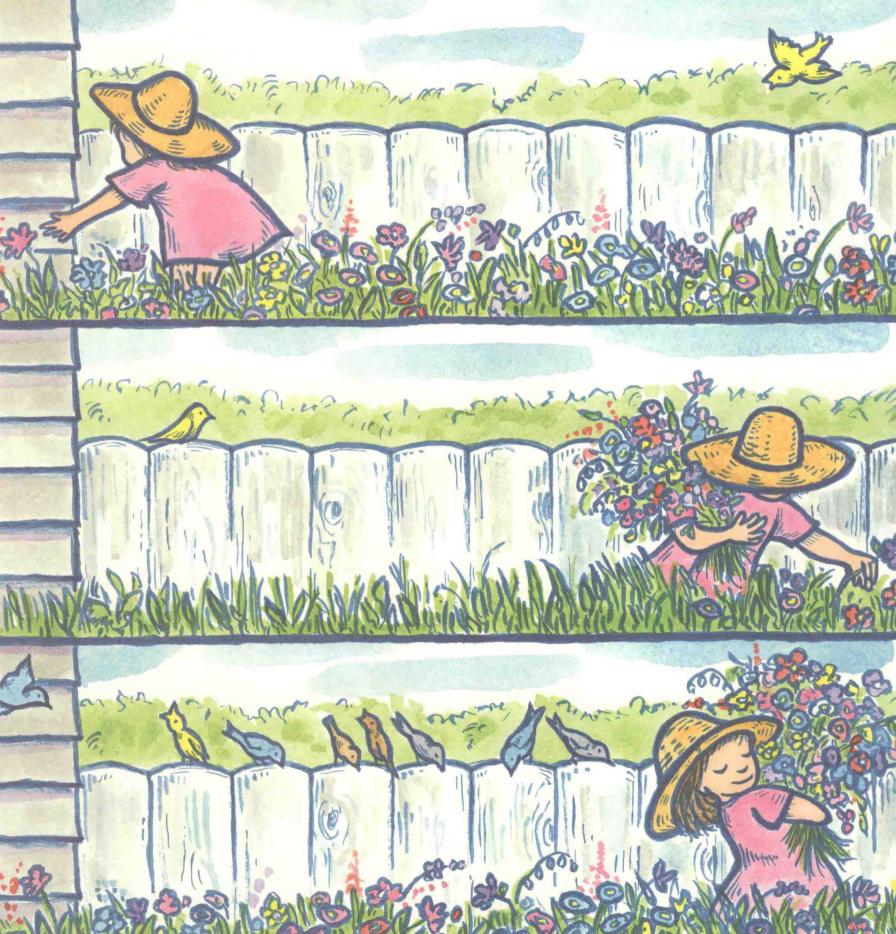
There would be no weeds, and the flowers would keep blooming and blooming and never die.



In my garden, the flowers could change color just by my thinking about it—pink, blue, green, purple. Even patterns.



And if you picked a flower, another one would grow right back in its place.



In my garden, the rabbits wouldn't eat the lettuce because the rabbits would be chocolate and I would eat *them*.



If I planted seashells, I'd grow seashells.

